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19-YEAR-OLD GIRL FLIES SOLO AROUND WORLD IN 155 DAYS

Belgian-British pilot Zara Rutherford has set a world record as the youngest woman to fly solo globally in a small aircraft

BAD WEATHER, VISA ISSUES VEX 90-DAY TARGET

Rutherford will find herself in the Guinness World Records book after setting the mark that had been held by 30-year-old American aviator Shaesta Waiz since 2017. Her global flight in her ultralight Shark plane was supposed to take three months, but relentless bad weather and visa issues kept her grounded sometimes for weeks on end, extending her adventure by 2 months

52,000 KM, 41 COUNTRIES, 5 CONTINENTS

- In her trek of more than 52,000 km (28,000 nautical miles), she stopped over in five continents and visited 41 nations
- During her flight using visual flight rules (going on sight only), she steered clear of wildfires in California, dealt with biting cold over Russia and narrowly avoided North Korean airspace

18-year-old

TRAVIS LUDLOW IS THE YOUNGEST TO FLY SOLO GLOBALLY IN A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE

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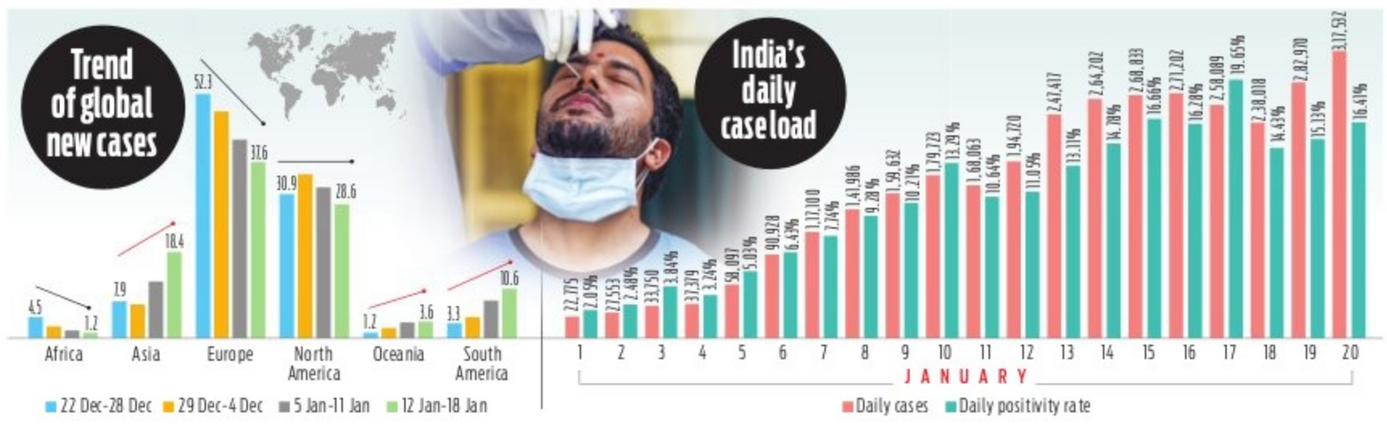

Virus spreading to remote corners

515 districts have test positivity rate of over 5%; toll low compared to second wave due to vax drive; Maharashtra to reopen schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

OVER 3 lakh more Covid-positive case were reported in the country on Thursday morning, but the ratio of deaths and active cases stayed low when compared to the disastrous second wave because of the ongoing vaccination drive.

On the flip side, data shows that the virus is now travelling to new territories as there is a progressive increase in districts with more than 5% positivity rate (TPR). Smaller cities and towns have been particularly affected, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said.

About 11 states and Union Territories have more than 50,000 active Covid cases, while 515 districts reported a weekly case positivity rate of over 5%. The national TPR stood at 16.41% on Thursday.

The Centre has retained Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka Maharashtra and Delhi on its list of "states of concern".

On April 30, 2021, there were 3,86,452 new cases, 3,059 deaths, 31,70,228 active cases and 2% of the eligible population fully vaccinated. As against that, 3,17,532 new cases were logged on January 20, 2022, 380 deaths, 19,24,051 active cases, and 72% people fully vaccinated, indicating how jabs are life savers.

"In this third surge of Covid, we are currently not witnessing severe illness and deaths due to high vaccination uptake. This shows that vaccines save," Indian Council of Medical Research head Dr Balram Bhargava said.

With Kerala reporting 46,387 new cases (TPR 40.22%), the state government imposed fresh restrictions, including allowing only essential services to operate on the next two Sundays — January 23 and 30. In neighbouring Karnataka, the fresh case count was close to 48,000, of which 30,540 were in Bengaluru alone. However, there was positive news from Maharashtra, as it decided to open schools for offline teaching in classes 1 to 9 from Monday because of the declining viral load.

In Telangana, the state government decided to do a door-to-door fever survey from Friday. A home isolation kit comprising medicines and other materials, would be provided to those who have Covid symptoms, state health minister T Harish Rao said.

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
Jan 19 **62,39,005 doses**
Jan 20 **60,79,373 doses**
TOTAL: 1,60,32,25,244

NATIONWIDE	JAN 19	JAN 20
Fresh cases	2,82,970	3,17,532
Recoveries	1,88,157	2,23,990
Deaths	441	491

KARNATAKA	JAN 19	JAN 20
Fresh cases	40,499	47,754
Recoveries	23,209	22,143
Deaths	21	29

A student gets vaccinated at a camp at the M S Ramaiah Hospital in Bengaluru on Thursday. The camp was launched along with the BBMP to vaccinate 15 to 17-years-olds

Districts too to get home isolation kits

Bengaluru: With an increase in home isolation during the third wave, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Thursday said just like in Bengaluru, home isolation medical kits will be provided to people in other districts too. P4

State just 0.1% shy of full coverage of first dose vax

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THIS may well be a booster shot for the morale of staff in the Health Department and city corporations who are working extensively to control the virus spread and vaccinate all citizens. After assessing the information shared by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar took to Twitter on Thursday to announce that Karnataka is just 0.1 per cent away from being the first large state (with four crore-plus population) to achieve 100 per cent first dose vaccination coverage.

Officials from the state Health Department and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike expressed confidence that Karnataka will achieve the target very soon. "Already, Bengaluru Urban district, outside BBMP limits, has achieved 100 per cent vaccination coverage. This shows that the task is not impossible. It is now a social obligation and everyone must understand their duty and responsibility towards society. The door-to-door vaccination drive will be intensified and even those above 15 years of age will be covered," said a Health Department official.

According to the central ministry, 12 states and Union Territories have already achieved 100 per cent first dose coverage in the 18-plus age group. The list includes Chandigarh, Lakshwadeep, Goa, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Sikkim, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. CONTINUED ON: P3

Cannot box merit in narrow performance definitions: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday reiterated the constitutional validity of 27% OBC reservation in all-India quota seats in the NEET for undergraduate, postgraduate and dental courses, noting that merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination.

The top court observed that certain classes may perform better in such examinations thanks to their social, economic, and cultural advantage. "Competitive examinations assess basic current competency to allocate educational resources but are not reflective of excellence, capabilities and potential of an individual which are also shaped by lived experiences, subsequent training and individual character. Crucially, open competitive examinations do not reflect the social, economic and cultural advantage that accrues to certain classes and contributes to their success in such examinations," the court added.

A bench of judges D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna in a brief order on January 7 had already upheld the constitutional validity of the OBC reservation while setting ₹8 lakh annual income limit for the quota for economically weaker section.

While giving its detailed order on Thursday, the bench noted that the country is still in the midst of a pandemic and any delay in the recruitment of doctors would impact the ability to manage the pandemic. "Due to this, we hold that the reservation for OBC candidates in the All India Quota seats for UG and PG medical and dental courses is constitutionally valid," the bench said.

Citing the delay in the counselling process due to the pendency of this petition, the bench said: "The petitioners challenged the very criteria for the determination of the EWS, which would not only require us to hear the matter at length but would also entail us to hear all interested parties. We deem it necessary to allow the counselling session to begin with the existing criteria."

WARY OF INTERIM ORDER ON EWS QUOTA

While dealing with EWS quota separately, the SC declined to pass an interim order staying the criteria. "In matters involving challenge to the constitutionality of a legislation or a rule, the Court must be wary to pass an interim order, unless the Court is convinced that the rules are prima facie arbitrary," it said

Wearing hijab indiscipline, says minister as students stand firm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Udupi, Bengaluru

THE controversy over eight students of the Women's Government PU College, Udupi, who have been insisting on wearing headscarves inside the classroom, is refusing to die down.

On Thursday, the students stood outside their college gate displaying placards, seeking justice. ''It is our fundamental right to wear the hijab and the college authorities should not stop us,'' declared Hazra, one of the students. The girls said they have not been allowed to attend classes since December 31.

In Bengaluru, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh termed the entire episode as political.

Stressing that schools and colleges are not the place to practice religion, he asked the students to adhere to rules regarding the uniform for students, which have been followed since 1985. "There are over a hundred Muslim children studying in the institution who have no problems. Only these few students are choosing to protest. Schools and colleges should not turn into religious centres," he said. He also went on to say that wearing hijab in the classroom would amount to indiscipline as other students may expect similar concessions. CONTINUED ON: P5

ABDUCTED

Army in touch with PLA to get teen back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Indian Army on Thursday contacted the People's Liberation Army (PLA) through hotline, a day after BJP leader and Arunachal Pradesh MP Tapir Gao said a 17-year-old Indian boy was abducted by Chinese soldiers.

A defence spokesman tweeted: "Indian Army immediately contacted PLA through hotline. Assistance from PLA has been sought to locate and return him as per protocol."

The statement also comes in the wake of the Congress targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Dear PM, how dare Chinese Army transgress into our territory again? Why is Govt not listening to the earnest appeal of its own MP?" said Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala.

Meanwhile, China's foreign ministry on Thursday denied such an incident happened. "The Chinese People's Liberation Army controls borders in accordance with the law and cracks down on illegal entry and exit activities," a Chinese spokesperson said.

Upper Siang Superintendent of Police Jummar Basar said the police were trying to ascertain the facts. "Tribals will never cross the border. But, we can't stop them from going into forests. They rely on the forests for their daily needs," the SP said.

STATUE OF EQUALITY

Artisans give final touches to 11th-century Vaishnavaite saint Bhagavad Ramanuja's statue in Hyderabad, to be inaugurated by the PM next month | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

Govt to decide today on reopening schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EVEN as the state is witnessing a spiral in the number of fresh Covid-19 cases, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh on Thursday hinted at the possibility of reopening schools soon. However, a final decision will be taken by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai based on suggestions by a panel of experts, he quickly added.

The state Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Covid-19 is scheduled to meet on Friday. Speaking to reporters, the minister said that the issue of reopening schools has been considered by the experts, but added that the CM will take a final decision after Friday's meeting.

Nagesh said the government had been contemplating on reopening schools based on data which suggests a lesser impact of the Omicron variant on children. According to sources, schools will have the option to choose between offline and online classes. However, strict measures will be taken to ensure safety of children in schools where clusters have been reported. The minister said that online classes will continue in schools where clusters or positive cases have been reported.

The government had ordered schools in Bengaluru to be shut till January 31. However, Classes 10, 11 and 12 were allowed to function in the light of the upcoming board exams and to encourage children to get vaccinated. The minister said that Covid-19 cases in this wave have mostly affected children in the 0-4 age group and children of other age groups have had a lesser impact.

EXPRESS READ

Bulli Bai: Mumbai cops arrest one in Odisha

Mumbai: The cyber police of the Mumbai crime branch on Thursday arrested a 28-year-old man from Odisha in connection with the Bulli Bai app case. The accused, identified as Neeraj Singh, is an MBA degree holder.

FinMin to release Rs 47,541 cr to states

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has authorised the release of an advance installment of tax devolution to state governments, amounting to Rs 47,541 crore. This is in addition to the regular devolution for January 2022, also being released on Thursday.

This neoschool helps kids stay curious, learn more

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-based ed-tech start-up StayQrious launched the world's first 'neoschool', an after-school online initiative that aims to teach students things that they would not learn in regular schools. The initiative hopes to give children access to an international standard of education without having to attend expensive international schools.

The aim of the school is to offer students a wide range of unconventional subjects and teaching that they will not get during their regular schooling. "Millions of parents want their child to get access to progressive teaching methodologies in an environment that respects their mental wellbeing and doesn't compromise for short-term gain as regards marks. The closest option to solve this today is an international level school, but the barriers to switching to such a school are many," said Aanand Srinivas, founder of the start-up and former content head for Khan Academy.

With the launch of the school, he said they hope to bring to students an international standard of schooling online and make it as accessible as possible at a reduced cost. P5

SKEWED PRIORITY

BCCI has time for everything but Ranji Trophy

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THE Indian cricket board (BCCI) is on verge of cancelling the Ranji Trophy for a second successive domestic season citing a short window available up to the start of IPL in April. It's bizarre considering the same board managed to host two IPLs overseas successfully, two Test series last year, and part of IPL at home during peak of second wave, and not to mention host of white-ball domestic events.

Yet that the BCCI has failed to find a convenient window seems outrageous.

The cancellation of the event will be a big blow for the next rung of up and coming cricketers. This will also hit hundreds of players and match officials financially for the second consecutive year. The BCCI is the only board the world over to not conduct its first-class tournament last season and failure to do so this season too will reflect poorly on the organisational skills of the richest cricket board headed by a former captain.

After BCCI was unable to host full-fledged domestic season in 2020/21, it included all the tournaments for the 2021/22 season. However, it did not have a window for the Ranji Trophy and it was to as late as January to accommodate the Syed Mushtaq Ali and Vijay Hazare Trophy with an eye on the IPL player auctions. While a third wave was not predicted at that stage, having held these white-ball events for the 2020/21 season in January-February 2021,

Old yardstick for selection

With India Test team entering a transition phase, sans Ranji Trophy the selectors will have to pick players based on white-ball cricket and red-ball performances from 2019/20 season.

the move to host them again within a year's time raised eyebrows.

And that decision is proving to be a big mistake. After Ranji was suspended on January 4, the BCCI was hopeful of starting it at least in February and finish the group stages before the IPL (on April 2) and conduct the knockouts after it. But finding even a 35-day window for the group stages look improbable now as players have to enter bio-bubble for IPL by March 20. Also, there are no takers for splitting the event into two as there would at least be a five-month gap because of the IPL and the monsoon. P15

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• **Nakshatra:** Makha 8.47 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.46 am
Sunset 6.15 pm
Moonrise 9.13 pm
Moonset 9.13 am

Asia's largest VFX centre to make learning easier

Facility aims to provide best infra for startups

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA, which is credited with being the first state to formulate an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics (AVGC) policy in 2012, can now not only boast about having the largest AVGC Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Asia, right here in Bengaluru, but can also help learning to be more digitally driven, accompanied by animation and visual effects.

Minister for Electronics, IT, BT and Higher Education, Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, on Thursday launched the centre, which is being termed as a pioneering hi-tech digital media hub, funded by the department under the 'Innovate Karnataka' initiative. The objective of the CoE is to syndicate and make available the best facilities and technologies to start-ups, AVGC studios and professionals who find it difficult to fund or access such hi-tech stack individually.

"This co-working space can help studios focus more on creation and developing content. The State Government has provided the industry a great lever by supporting this unique project with a grant. Such a facility does not exist in any country as a shared resource," Biren Ghose, Past President, ABAI (formerly Association of Bangalore Animation Industry) & Country Head, Technicolor India, said. The centre also has a finishing school, which offers unique courses based on emerging technologies like virtual reality, digital compression, photogrammetry, gamification of education, and real-time virtual production.

Launching the CoE, Ashwath Narayan said, "This CoE brings digital excellence to creative industries. India now commands around 10 per cent of the global AVGC market and has the potential to reach 20-25 per cent by 2027. Karnataka has been driving the AVGC sector in India. This centre will take us to greater prominence in the sector."

Karnataka accounts for 20 per cent of the share of the Indian entertainment & AVGC industry. Over 300 animation, VFX & gaming studios operate in Karnataka. With the launch of this CoE, the AVGC ecosystem will be further benefitted, said Dr E V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT/BT, and S&T.

WHAT THE CoE IS EQUIPPED WITH

- Facility for enabling virtual production through real-time camera tracking
- Photogrammetry-3D scans generating ultra-detailed 3D rendering
- Full Body Performance Capture, country's best 24 optical motion capture systems with the necessary control room , support infrastructure with studio space
- A witness camera, a four-head camera system with removable lenses
- Dual camera head motion capture used for real-time head motion capture
- Green screen studio
- Robust Render Farm specialised in rendering 3D projects

NEW POLICY SOON; MORE CoEs PLANNED

Minister for Electronics, IT Dr CN Ashwath Narayana said the state will come out with a new AVGC policy within one year and required land will be provided to set up a dedicated 'Digital Media Entertainment Area'. "More small CoEs will be set up across the state, particularly on university campuses, and collaborations will be made with more number of fine arts institutions," he noted. At present, only 35 per cent of students are getting quality education and, to fill this shortfall, the National Education Policy aspires to make 'storytelling' the basis of education. "Blended learning will also be supportive of this. By relying on AVGC, learning can be made more curious to achieve the target of providing quality education to all the students," he said.

MASK UP OR PAY UP...!

BBMP Marshals penalise citizens who allow their masks to slip, and violate Covid-19 guidelines, at the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMART

IIM-B donates ₹20 L supplies to PHC

ENS @ Bengaluru

AROUND ₹20 lakh worth of equipment and supplies have been handed over to a primary health centre (PHC) in Kodichikkanahalli, by the Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore (IIM-B).

The massive donation comes as part of IIM-B's corporate social responsibility initiative, with the institute aiming to help the PHC upgrade its medical infrastructure. "This PHC is in close proximity to IIM-B and the effort is to help the community in the vicinity of the institute," said Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director of the institute. Krishnan formally handed over the equipment and medical supplies to senior medical officer of the PHC, Dr Krishnappa B K, on Thursday.

The PHC had also previously helped the institution administer over 4,000 RTPCR tests, as well as conduct a vaccination camp on its premises. "Our resident medical officer and dean held discussions with the medical officer at the PHC and his team. Subsequently, the PHC submitted a list of requirements, the estimated cost of which was Rs 20 lakh. The proposal was placed before the IIMB Board by the Covid Management Steering Committee of the institute and the board approved the spend," Krishnan said.

Previously, as part of the CSR initiative, IIM-B had also reached out to the Bengaluru transgender community to offer support during the pandemic.

Library workers get salary doubled, seek minimum wage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER campaigning for an increase in pay for several years, library maintenance workers have had their salaries doubled, going from Rs 6,500 to Rs 13,000.

Housekeeping staff for several public libraries functioning under BBMP had been protesting and campaigning for an increase in salary, which they were granted in January. Up until December 2021, they had been paid Rs 6,500 a month for maintenance – from odd jobs to arranging books, newspapers and magazines and even opening and shutting the libraries every day.

After protesting under the Karnataka General Labour Union (KGLU), the Department of Public Libraries agreed to double their pay to Rs 13,000.

However, the workers had been demanding an increase in pay equivalent to at least minimum wage, which they allege that the increase in salary does not satisfy. The workers are still entitled to about five years' worth of backpay, according to KGLU.

Previously, the workers had been protesting to also have their salaries deposited directly into their bank accounts. Until last year, they had been paid vouchers that they had to sign in exchange for cash payments.

Lack of benefits

They had also not been provided benefits like ESI, EPF or bonus. Instead, they had been paid on honorarium basis. As of August last year, they are being paid through bank accounts.

"The workers are determined to continue their struggle until they receive the stipulated minimum wages, along with job security, wage security, social security, retirement benefits, and most importantly, dignity of labour," the union said.

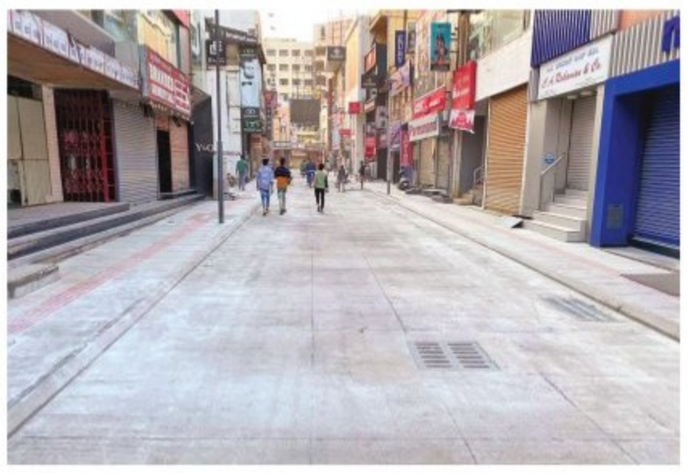
Commercial Street reopens with 'Smart City' tag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE new-look Commercial Street, which reopened last week, has become a star attraction among shoppers. And what better way to get the customers back than to click and upload pictures on social media. Both citizens and traders are going gaga over the road, and highlighting the many attractions.

The shopping avenue, which was being remodelled under the Smart City project, had come in for a great deal of criticism due to shoddy work, and the contractor had been warned to redo the road and also speed up work. After a long wait and many errors, the concretised road opened to shoppers again.

Many traders are using the road to their advantage by putting out new advertising campaigns and remodelling the entry to their stores.



Traders at popular shopping hub, Commercial Street, are pleased with the improved access to roads and parking facilities, thanks to the Smart City project | EXPRESS

The lighting on the road has only added to the attraction of the street, which was seeing a lull in business due to road work and the pandemic, according to the shopkeepers' association. Sanjay Motwani, President, The Bangalore Commercial Association, told TNIE that the road was thrown open to the people on January 15. "Proper parking facilities have been made and access roads are also good. There is no problem of water and traffic anymore," he said.

However, shoppers are now asking shopkeepers and the government to introduce traffic-free days.

They point out that this will be an added advantage as the road is narrow, despite being a one-way. "Goods vehicles, citizens' personal vehicles and pedestrians still congest the road during peak hours. So if vehicle timings are introduced, it will become more delightful," said Fathima H, a shopper on Commercial Street.

Time to prepare

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has released the tentative schedule for the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) 2022 preparatory exams. The examinations are scheduled to take place from February 21 to February 26, with announcement being made on Thursday. KSEEB had also released dates for SSLC final exams, to take place from March 28 to April 11, 2022.

TIMETABLE

FEB 21 - First Language
FEB 22 - Core Subject (Social Science)
FEB 23 - Second Language
FEB 24 - Core Subject (Mathematics)
FEB 25 - Third Language
FEB 26 - Core Subject (Science)

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st January : Today I'd like to talk about Pisces. This sensitive sign is the last in the zodiac. Some astrologers say that symbolically this means that it has learned the lessons of the previous eleven signs and is therefore the wisest. On the other hand, while Pisces may be wise, it is also the least practical sign!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This is bound to be a stressful time at work for Ariens, although every effort will bring great rewards in future months. Even those of you who are happily resting or retired, are being urged to achieve something of importance with your time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
This is not time for stick-in-the-muds. If you approach your affairs in the spirit of what other people - the mysterious 'they' - will or won't allow, you will surely miss some splendid opportunities. If you have a wild scheme, but you're a little nervous, ask friends to help.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You should begin to take a more business like line. That does mean, of course, looking at joint financial affairs, but it's also a matter of organising other affairs properly, including, of course, love affairs. Someone who has done you a favour is waiting for their thanks.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may rely on close partners more now than over the past week. That doesn't mean that they will be any easier to deal with, but that you should trust there is reason in their madness, and that they do, in fact, know what they're talking about!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Allow for delays or disruptions in all personal affairs and very close, working partnerships. Be wise and allow more time for essential tasks than normal. Also see that you have sufficient cash in the pocket. Let others take the lead if they know best. Be alert to those moments when you should play a supporting role.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Being so sensible, you will realise that real life itself is actually not that sensible at all! There does still seem to be too much on your plate, but you should understand that taking a day off here and there will probably not make much difference in the long run.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It is difficult to establish what people at home really do feel. There'll be moments when emotions are running high and that some people are likely to say the opposite of what they mean! You'll be holding the middle ground, mainly because you've got certain goals to achieve and you don't want other people getting in the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Job applicants, interviewees and all with important suggestions to propose, should press ahead with confidence, full of faith in your own ideas. All of you should be prepared to impress other people simultaneously with your charm, sensitivity, and personal charisma - a tall order!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your innate capitalist skills should be brought out today, and those of you in a mood to strike a hard bargain could do very nicely, thank you. You are likely to be in a serious mood, realising that, at the heart of everything you do, you should have a real sense of purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon spends the bulk of the day making powerful alignments with your sign, so you are probably in with a rather good chance of getting your own way. The problem is, of course, what exactly do you want anyway? If you can't make up your mind, so be it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are open to exploitation, but then you might actually profit from doing what you're told. The point is that you'll be faced with new experiences that are not of your choosing, and in the process you'll gain in wisdom and maturity. That has to be welcome news!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon sets a course past a sociable region of your chart, so don't tuck yourself away in your cocoon. It may take courage, but you should put yourself forward as the person who can get others organised, whipping the reluctant into line. If you're not listened to at first, say it again - louder and clearer!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

WILL YOU TELL SARGE TO STOP!
WHAT IS HE DOING?
SIGHING, SNIFFING, GRINDING, CURSING, SQUEAKING...
I'LL STOP IF HE STOPS THE WHINING!

BLONDIE

HEY, YOU LITTLE MEATBALL, SLOW DOWN! I'M STARVING!
NO WAY! YOU CAN'T CATCH ME!
BEHOLD! A TRIPLE FLIP WITH A HALF TWIST...RIGHT INTO A POOL OF MARINARA!!
INCREDIBLE!
BOY, YOU'VE HAD A MONSTER CRAVING FOR SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS ALL DAY!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard : Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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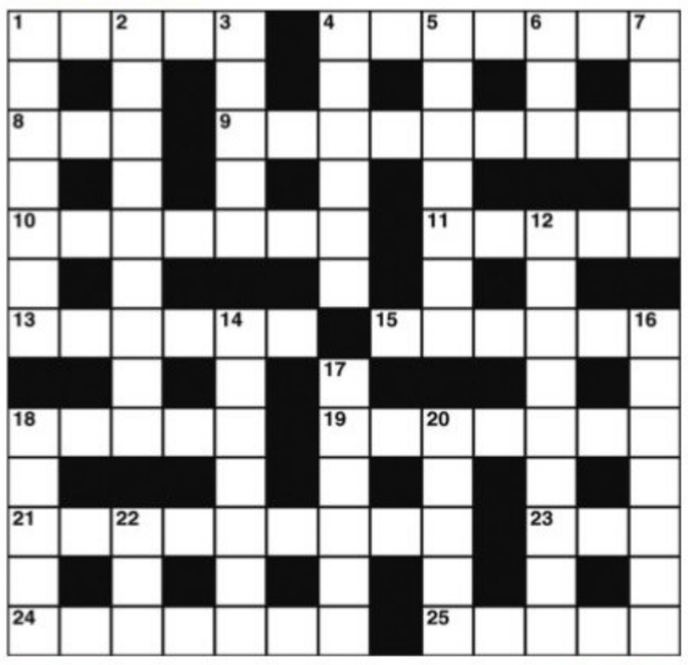
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Exceptionally speechless player (5)
4 He has a taste for a bit of embroidery (7)
8 Look round the cathedral (3)
9 Examine in detail a total failure (5,4)
10 It's overlooked by some Moslem women (7)
11 Poor Swede regularly pulled out of bed (5)
13 Union leader caught in a frock gets imprisonment (6)
15 Circumvent with the aid of a permit (6)
18 She will show a dress pattern (5)
19 Record suppressed by force (3,4)
21 Over and over it goes (9)
23 A pound could be a good investment (3)
24 Is in the way of progress (7)
25 Three points go to my opponent (5)

DOWN

1 Tried to change sad eyes (7)
2 Walk about certain to be highly esteemed (9)
3 Records book (5)
4 Sort of snakes that creep furtively? (6)
5 Give ground for road construction (4,3)
6 Card players play it in the saloon (3)
7 Foreign money held by grandson (5)
12 Are able to make simple converse (9)
14 Hurried to include a song that's turned out (7)
16 He is said to exemplify happiness (7)
17 Films may be about raising warships (6)
18 Mohammedan lawyer in plain clothes (5)
20 Let it be put right (5)
22 Traveller in cloth? (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Close shave, 8 Recur, 9 Epigram, 10 Squeeze, 11 Afton, 12 Scribe, 14 Hoarse, 17 Apply, 19 Emerges, 21 Cleaner, 22 Guess, 23 Enterprise.

Down: 2 Lacquer, 3 Spree, 4 Skewer, 5 Agitato, 6 Egret, 7 Amanuensis, 8 Resistance, 13 Bayonet, 15 Regrets, 16 Tenor, 18 Plece, 20 Elgar.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZRROA

NOEUC

MTOOTA

EPRILP

I would be so nervous to speak in front of so many people.
I've practiced this speech a ton of times.
Let's hear it for our speaker.
THE CONVENTION'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER WASN'T NERVOUS AT ALL THANKS TO ALL HER ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

" ____ - ____ "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
SLANT GLAND TUSSLE INJECT
ANSWER: Would the author be reading from her novel at the library? Yes, according to the – TELLTALE SIGN

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The increase in Covid-19 cases in the state has dealt a severe blow to the tourism sector in Uttara Kannada district as tourists are cancelling bookings. The district administration has banned all activities in the wake of the third wave. With only weekend curfew, the government clarified that tourists need not cancel trips.

OTC drug sales surge in third wave

Sale of Dolo-650 up by almost 45 % along with Vitamin C tabs; side-effects not accounted for

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE sales of over-the-counter (OTC) drugs have shot up significantly during the third wave, especially that of Dolo-650 and paracetamol, said members of the Karnataka chemists and druggists' association (KCDA) on Wednesday.

The sale of Dolo-650 has multiplied by almost 40 per cent to 45 per cent along with paracetamol, sold only when prescribed by a doctor, chemists said.

They also said the sale of Vitamin C tablets, earlier negligible, is now high. Sale of OTC medicines has increased manifold in Bengaluru from December 15, while in other districts the trend has been noticed for the last 15 days.

Vitamin C and paracetamol sales have rocketed in the border districts of Belagavi and Mangaluru mainly due to purchases by people from Maharashtra and Kerala.

Healthcare workers collect swab samples of people at KR Market amid rising cases in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Kalaburagi also saw high medicine sales as chemists are getting customers from Yadgir, which borders Andhra Pradesh. Association Secretary Jeevan A K told TNIE that in the first and second waves, the sale was not very high because of multiple reasons-more people were admitted to hospitals and many had left cities for their home towns and had more access to hospitals.

"As the government has said people need not rush to hospitals for common cold and cough, the rush at chemists has increased. Chemists are also playing the role of doctors in advising and prescribing medicines. The sale of Dolo has shot up because people know the name and it is commonly used. Sales of Vitamin C tablets have gone up as people know there are no side-effects and they are purchasing in bulk," he said.

Bengaluru weather also pushes sales of cold, cough and fever OTC drug sales higher. "Normally during December-January, there is a rise in the sale of these medicines. But now as a precaution, those with the slightest symptoms are taking paracetamol and cold, cough medicines and syrups. This is now unusual and worrisome," said a pharmacist and member of the Bengaluru Drugs and Chemists' Association.

Jeevan expressed concern that side effects due to high consumption of paracetamol and tablets are not being accounted for.

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State ranked 11th in 2nd dose vax coverage

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THE data showed that till 7 am on Thursday, Karnataka had achieved 99.8 per cent coverage. As the day progressed, data assessed and tabulated by National Health Mission (NHM) till 7.30 pm showed that Karnataka had achieved 99.9 per cent target in first dose coverage and 83.3 per cent in second dose coverage. The targeted population in the 18-plus age group is 4,89,14,589 beneficiaries and the first dose has been administered to 4,88,50,589 beneficiaries while the second dose has been administered to 4,07,64,294 people.

Overall, India has completed 94 per cent first dose vaccination and Kerala had completed 99.9 per cent vaccination coverage. The data also showed that in the second dose vaccination coverage, only Andhra Pradesh had achieved 100 per cent vaccination coverage while Karnataka ranked eleventh.

EXPRESS READ

Woman gets Omicron report weeks after discharge from hospital

Gadag: A woman got a report that she was infected by the new variant, Omicron, after she got discharged and almost three weeks after she tested positive for Covid-19. The woman, who had arrived at Gadag railway station from Mumbai with 15 other persons to visit Hampi on December 30, was tested along with the others at the station. Her test came positive for Covid-19, and she was immediately taken to Gadag Institute of Medical Science (GIMS) for treatment, and her swab samples were sent to Bengaluru for Omicron sequencing. She waited for the report but it was delayed, and she recovered and returned to Mumbai a few days ago.

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 317 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **47,754** | Yesterday: **40,499**

TALLY
Today: **33,76,953**
Yesterday: **33,29,199**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **29**	Today: **22,143**
Yesterday: **21**	Yesterday: **23,209**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **2,93,231**
Yesterday: **2,67,650**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.64%**	Today: **1.14%**
Yesterday: **5.58%**	Yesterday: **1.15%**

RECOVERY RATE
Today: **90.17%**
Yesterday: **90.80%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**30,540**
Bengaluru Rural	**974**
Bagalkot	66
Ballari	952
Belagavi	442
Bidar	311
Chamarajanagar	384
Chikkaballapur	522
Chikkamagaluru	387
Chitradurga	462
Dakshina Kannada	974
Davanagere	152
Dharwad	698
Gadag	289
Hassan	1,840
Haveri	65
Kalaburagi	658
Kodagu	195
Kolar	511
Koppal	348
Mandya	1,512
Mysuru	1,352
Raichur	329
Ramanagara	150
Shivamogga	373
Tumakuru	1,622
Udupi	767
Uttara Kannada	611
Vijayapura	188
Yadgir	80

No deaths due to Covid so far in city

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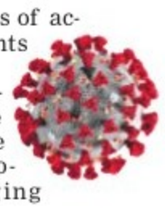
BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Thursday said that so far, there have been no deaths strictly due to Covid-19. There have been deaths due to other ailments, but the patients were found to have contracted Covid, so the deaths are accounted for under Covid-19.

Gupta told the media that there have been cases of accidental deaths, those suffering from other ailments and also deaths due to age-related ailments.



He said emphasis is being laid on triaging of people before admitting them to hospital, Covid Care Centres and keeping them in home isolation. There are 310 triaging teams working on around 3,000 people on a daily basis, apart from tele-triaging being done.

He advised people to stay away from crowded places and also get themselves tested if they have any symptoms. He said arrangements have been made to collect samples at the doorstep, and also give results at the doorstep.

On the meeting slated for Friday, to be chaired by CM Basavaraj Bommai, Gupta said all details will be placed before him and the experts, based on which decisions will be taken.

GOVT NAMES 14 EXPERTS TO GIVE OUT INFO

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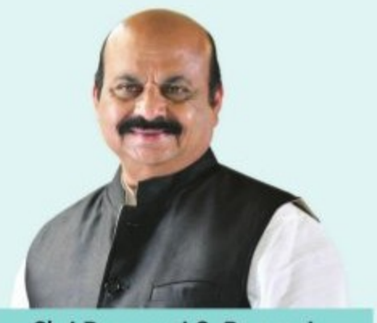
TWO days after the state government issued a statement that only official spokespersons should give information pertaining to Covid-19, to reduce miscommunication, the government of Friday released a list of 14 spokespersons.

The list includes Dr M K Sudarshan, Chairman, State Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (community medicine - TAC); Dr C N Manjunath, Director, SJICSR, member, Clinical Expert Committee (cardiologist - CEC); Dr K Ravi, Chairman, Clinical Expert Committee (physician- CEC); Dr V Ravi, state nodal officer, whole genomic sequencing and member (virologist- TAC); Dr C Nagaraj, Director, RGICD and SDS Sanatorium (respiratory physician-CEC), BMCRI; Dr B L Shashi Bhushan, Professor and HoD of Respiratory Medicine (respiratory physician-TAC), BMCRI; Dr Giridhar R Babu, Professor of Epidemiology, Indian Institute of Public Health (Epidemiologist- TAC); Dr Shivananda, ex-director, IGICH (paediatric- TAC); Dr Basavaraj, G V Medical Superintendent, IGICH (paediatrician- CEC); Dr Savitha G, Professor and HoD of OBG, Vani Vilas Hospital, BMCRI (OBG - TAC and CEC); Dr Pradeep Rangappa, consultant, Manipal Hospital (Intensivist- CEC); Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, consultant pulmonologist, Manipal Hospitals; Dr Vishwanath Kamoji, consultant paediatrician (member of Paediatric Committee- BBMP), Manipal Hospital; Dr Ravindra Mehta, pulmonologist (member of expert health committee - BBMP), Apollo Hospital.

Department of Health and Family Welfare



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Advice for CHILD CARE

Let children stay at home as far as possible

Monitor childrens' health. Keep them home. Wear mask while stepping out

Urge children to wash hands with soap and sanitize often

Monitor children daily and consult a doctor if COVID-19 symptoms are present

Teach children to cough / sneeze into tissue and avoid touching any part of the face

Avoid treating children for cold / cough without consulting a doctor

Provide children with nutritious and vitamin-C rich foods

Keep away from children if you have any COVID-19 like symptoms

Maintain distance, wear mask and maintain hygiene at home

Encourage children to freely share health concerns

Be patient and understanding towards a child's feelings

Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar receiving India Today Healthgiri Award.

Child Helpline 1098

If you have fever, cold, or any COVID-19 like symptoms, call COVID Helpline 14410

Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene | Get yourself voluntarily vaccinated

Health For All, Health Everywhere.

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Innovative EVs from Balan Engineering

Balan Engineering Private Limited, Bengaluru, which manufactures a range of electric vehicles — rickshaws, cargo mobility, agriculture use sprayers, public utility vehicles, ice cream vendor vehicles, vegetable vendors' vehicles and more seems to be taking innovative application of the usage of EVs pretty seriously.

Keeping away from the overcrowded scooter market, they seem to focus on the mass market with value for money products. "The focus is really on the people who use vehicles for their daily bread and butter, such as Cargo movers or various types of vendors," said N Balakrishnan, Founder and Director of the company.

The company has developed vehicles that are useful for simple cargo transport at just about 35 paise per km and Rs.150/- per day to be paid for the bank finance. The vehicle carries 450kg and comes with a 4-year warranty* (conditions apply). "That's why it is called *Vishwas*" he said.

The same platform has been developed into vegetable vendor vehicles, ice cream and chilled drinks selling vehicle. "The uses are numerous and very soon you will find more of our models hitting the market," said Balakrishnan.

The vendor vehicles are designed to enter into any small lane and they can fold up or expand. They can pull 200-250kg pay load and go around 125km for every charge at 35 paise per km.

The company has obtained all regulatory and subsidy approvals has already sold more than 100 vehicles. It has a decent order bag and is negotiating some big deals at the moment. There are some export negotiations also going on.

Kamala – Flexible Multi use EV cart

B5-E-Rickshaw

"The vehicles have received good response and we will want to be in the less glamorous market. I am looking at the 125 crore *aam janta*... as the Prime Minister Narendra Modi always says. They are a huge opportunity ," he said, who wants to make life better for everyone by saving more and easing hard labor. "There is profit in that too," Balakrishnan noted.

Using excellent components, Balan Engineering is the only company offering 4-year warranty* (conditions apply) to customers for its products.

"EV industry will evolve and a big market will develop in the due course of time. We are here for a long-term. The production, which is now about 300 vehicles a month, will soon move to North Karnataka in Bagalkot District. The capacity will be about 50,000 vehicles of various types. Young entrepreneurs have indeed started dreaming big in India and a reflection of *Atmanirbhar Bharat,*" said an enthusiastic Balakrishnan.

Our vehicles are very useful for milk and FMCG transportation through substantial cost reduction.

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- N. Balakrishnan, Founder & Director, Balan Engineering Private Limited

Vishwas – E-Loader Vehicle

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A major drug peddling case, which allegedly involves two police personnel, has been handed over to the CCB for a detailed probe on Thursday. The inspector Ashwath Gowda and his junior officer Veerabhadrappa Swamy attached to RT Nagar police station were suspended on Wednesday

BJP begins spadework for Battle 2023

Leaders eye top posts of boards, corporations

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@ Bengaluru

WITH the Assembly elections due in Karnataka next year, the BJP is working to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. It is said that party leaders in Delhi will turn their focus towards Karnataka, after the Uttar Pradesh elections.

A tricky situation is already playing out, with ministers and legislators demanding tickets to party workers for upcoming elections, including BBMP polls, as well as heads of various boards and corporations.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, along with other senior BJP leaders, met late Wednesday night to discuss how to strengthen the party in Karnataka, and are reportedly framing a route map for each district. Bommai had stated that the meeting was to discuss various issues related to strengthening the party in the districts, besides Bengaluru.

It may be noted that the BJP State Executive Committee meeting had decided to focus on micro-management at the booth level, with the aim to win 150 seats in the 2023 assembly polls.

Sources in the BJP said that with just one year left for assembly elections in Karnataka, MLAs and ministers are keen on getting the top posts of boards and corporation for their loyalists, and are pressuring party leaders. However, there is a demand to retain some of those who were earlier appointed as chairpersons. According to sources, chairpersons of 20 out of 32 boards and corporations may be changed, including Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited chairman M Rudresh, a close relative of former CM B S Yediyurappa.

Meanwhile, MLAs from Bengaluru are demanding tickets for party workers for the upcoming BBMP elections. "There are 27 assembly constituencies in Bengaluru, it is important for BJP to win maximum number of seats. For this, they need councillors' support, and want their party workers in key posts," sources said.

Cooprative society polls put off

With Covid cases on the rise, the Co-operation Department has written to various cooperative societies, directing them not to conduct any polls till March 2022. If the process of holding elections has commenced, it must be stopped with immediate effect, it added. A letter written by Joint Secretary and Special Officer to the department earlier, had stated that as per the direction of Principal Secretary to the department, all elections must be postponed to December 2021. However, going by the current caseload, it would be difficult to hold polls safely.

AT THE FINGERTIPS

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launches a portal on the Mysuru Skill Development, Self-Employment and Employment Registration programme, as well as information on government projects, in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Decision on Covid curfew today, no one will be hit, promises Ashoka

BENGALURU: A day ahead of the Karnataka government deciding on Covid-19 curbs across the state, Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Thursday made an assurance that both lives and livelihood of the people will be considered. There has been a strong reaction from the hospitality sector, especially from small traders and hoteliers, who say that night and weekend curfew have adversely affected their earnings. Clarifying that there was no confusion within the government regarding the curbs, Ashoka said views expressed by leaders of all political parties and several organisations will be taken into account, before a decision is taken on Friday. "Regarding Covid norms, the CM has called an important meeting at 1pm tomorrow with senior ministers. Opinions expressed by leaders of various political parties and the Centre's guidelines will also be taken into consideration," Ashoka said. He said there are 15-20 districts where cases are low, while in cities like Bengaluru and Mysuru, the numbers are rising. "While protecting the lives of people, the government will also have to facilitate their livelihood. I'm confident that the CM will decide what is good for the people," he added.

F&B stakeholders meet CM, appeal for restrictions, curfew to be relaxed

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday met representatives of the Food and Beverage industry and gave them a "patient and empathetic" hearing regarding their business woes due to repeated Covid-related shutdowns since March 2020.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Chethan Hegde of 1522 and SuzyQ by 1522 said that he along with Ajay Gowda of Byg Brewski Brewing Company and Bob's Bar, and Sibi Venkataraju of Toit brewpub, on behalf of the National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) and Craft Brewers Association (CBA), Bengaluru chapters, met Bommai at his private residence in RT Nagar on Thursday afternoon. "It was a long-overdue meeting with the CM. We wanted to apprise him of our business losses due to repeated shutdowns, and night and weekend curfews, and wanted to request him to relax restrictions," said Hegde.

"The CM came across as a very understanding person. He told us that he is aware of the business losses due to Covid curbs and would want businesses back to normal in the state. But because of the past experience of the deadly second wave last year and the growing cases of Covid-19, he has to make informed decisions after consulting with experts in the Technical Advisory Committee on Thursday evening," said Hegde. He added that they have requested the CM to lift the weekend curfew, which has killed their business, and extend the night curfew from the present 10 pm to 12 midnight.

"We explained that if we open our business hours till 12 am, we can manage the crowds better at our places. We have also assured the CM that we would strictly observe all Covid protocols and that under the current circumstances, we are okay doing business with 50 per cent occupancy," he added.

Bommai has assured the F&B representatives that he would make an informed decision on Friday, only after meeting the TAC. On Wednesday, the CM had hinted at relaxing curfew in the coming days after expert consultations.

GST collection for Jan could see a slide

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WHILE GST collection stood at Rs 8,335 crore for the month of December 2021, figures for January may not be as encouraging because of Omicron, point out experts.

GST collection for November 2021 was Rs 9,048 crore, up from Rs 8,259 crore for October. So there was expectation that the downward movement in December, as compared to November, would be arrested in January, but experts suggest the weekend curfew and other restrictions will impact the economy.

During the worst period of the pandemic in 2021, GST collection was extremely sluggish, and while January may not see a drastic drop as in the worst Covid months, there could be a slight correction, say experts. Chairman of the GST Committee at the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry BT Manohar said, "This is not specific to Karnataka, there is a drop in business across the nation."

Prof Sankarshan Basu of IIM told *TNIE*, "January could be worse than December but may not be as bad as the worst-hit months of May and June. In October and November, there was the encouragement of festive season sales, but New Year's market was affected by curfews and restrictions. There could be an arrest of the downslide in February." FKCCI former president CR Janardhan said, "Most MSMEs are in very bad shape due to Covid and payments are stalled. Banks are rigid and labour laws also don't allow for much business, add to this confusing government orders, and it could adversely affect GST collection."

'Will study all aspects before decision on curbs'

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HEALTH Minister **Dr K Sudhakar** on Thursday said that all aspects are being looked into, before any decision on lifting restrictions is taken at Friday's meeting with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

The details of the impact of restrictions are being collected from all areas -- how effective have the curbs been, what implications they have shown, and whether they have served the desired purpose -- are also being studied, he elaborated.

The details will help the government decide if there is a need for the restrictions to continue, limited or extended. The government is also looking at the financial impact and the inconvenience caused to the public, along with their behaviour.

On the question of cases rising, especially if restrictions are relaxed, Dr Sudhakar revealed that experts have projected an increase to the tune of 60,000 a day, which could shoot up to over a lakh, in the foreseeable future. Hence, the government is gearing up to

the task and keeping all preparations in mind before taking any decision.

Medical kits in districts

With an increase in home isolation during the third wave, Dr Sudhakar also said that just like in Bengaluru, home isolation medical kits will be provided to people in other districts too. Health officials said this decision has been taken since cases are rising in other districts at a fast pace. Meanwhile, the Department of Health and Family Welfare released a list of medicines and essentials to be included in the home isolation kit, which will also contain a self-explanatory prescription in English and Kannada.

The kit will also provide 10 three-layered face masks and a bottle of hand sanitiser.

Centre's nod for Shiradi Ghat 4-lane upgradation

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THE Central Government has approved of a proposal to make the road between Bengaluru and Mangaluru, at the Sakleshpur Shiradi Ghat section, a four-lane road to reduce traffic snarls and eliminate other problems.

Union Minister for National Highways and Road Transport Nitin Gadkari has approved the Rs 1,200-crore project to upgrade the two-lane Shiradi Ghat road into a four-lane highway. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) would take up the project and complete it in around 24 months, Gadkari said.

CM assures quick approvals

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who spoke to Gadkari, assured speedy approvals for implementing the project. The project is expected to boost economic growth in the region.

Gadkari has instructed NHAI to study the proposal to build a 6-lane tunnel through Shiradi Ghat.

Police in state failing, CM must resign, says Congress

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ACCUSING the police and intelligence machinery in the state for failing in their duties, Congress spokesperson HA Venkatesh demanded Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to resign.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, former MYLac chairman Venkatesh said that police personnel who are deployed for the CM's security are accused in drug cases. "Two cops have been booked in a drug case and an FIR has been registered in the Koramangala police station, Bengaluru. If this is the case, where is the morality of the CM and the police system. He must immediately step down from his post," he said.

He further expressed displeasure against the authorities for registering a case against freedom fighters and Congress leaders, including former MLAs, for taking part in the Mekedatu padayatra, which was launched from Mysuru recently. "Cases have been registered against seven Congress leaders, two freedom fighters and over 20 others, who took part in the rally held in solidarity with the Mekedatu padayatra in the city. BJP is using its power to fight the grand old party. We will launch a 'jail bharo' campaign across the state," he warned.

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HA Venkatesh, Congress spokesperson

Nalapad back in glare after attack on Ballari Youth Congress leader

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

BALLARI rural district Youth Congress president Siddu Halligoudar was allegedly assaulted by the supporters of Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress Committee president-designate **Mohammed Haris Nalapad** on Wednesday night, indicating a potential feud within the youth wing of the grand old party.

The alleged incident took place on the terrace of a guest house in Yelahanka, Bengaluru, where Nalapad has reportedly organised a party.

The pictures and video of a bruised Halligoudar reportedly got circulated in the Youth Congress WhatsApp group early on Thursday but was deleted later, as senior party leaders swung into damage control mode and brokered peace between the two groups within the KPYCC.

Since no complaint was lodged with regard to the incident and Halligoudar returned to his hometown, following the advice of senior leaders, no FIR has been filed. But eyewitnesses informed *TNIE* that KPYCC vice-president Manjunath Gowda and his supporters escorted him to safety, and got him treated in hospital.

Given the implications of the incident, KPCC president D K Shivakumar himself came forward and claimed that nothing of this sort had taken place. "I cross-checked and also spoke to Siddu, and learnt there was no brawl. He told me that somebody might have misused his mobile phone to circulate messages... I cannot enter one's personal life, but can take disciplinary action if any mistakes are committed within the party," Shivakumar maintained.

Speaking to private TV channels, however, Nalapad admitted to the incident but claimed that he was not involved, as he had left by 9.30 pm. "If some people get involved in a brawl, why should I get dragged into it? There might be a conspiracy by some rivals to deter me from taking charge as the KPYCC president," he remarked.

But according to sources, a reason cited for the attack is Nalapad's unhappiness towards Siddu for supporting Manjunath Gowda during the polls to elect office-bearers, including the youth president, between January 10 and 12, 2021.

Sriki's help

Since the elections took place virtually last year, there were allegations about Nalapad winning it with the help of Bitcoin scam accused Sreeki, who had reportedly hacked the Twitter handle of Rahul Gandhi.

He had garnered 64,203 votes, as against Raksha Ramaiah's 57,271, but owing to accusations that he had won through fraudulent means, besides facing a criminal case for assault at a Central Bengaluru pub in February 2018, his taking over as the KPYCC chief was deferred. As the issue went up to the party high command in New Delhi, AIYCC president B V Srinivas brokered peace between the two factions, and Raksha was given the post of KPYCC president, with the term set to end on January 31, 2022. It is in this regard that Nalapad, who will take charge as the president on February 1, had organised a luncheon meeting of district youth congress presidents on Wednesday at a luxury hotel. However, things went wrong when they met for dinner at the guest house, sources informed *TNIE*.

Meanwhile, Siddu claimed, "There was no attack on me. I'm doing fine. The pictures of me bruised circulating around, are all rumours."

"The Congress party's 'goondaism' has started as KPCC president D K Shivakumar's disciple Nalapad's supporters went on to attack the Congress party workers itself. It seems Congress is going to make Karnataka as 'goondaraj'," the BJP Karnataka tweeted, condemning the incident.

If some people get involved in a brawl, why should I get dragged into it? There might be a conspiracy by some rivals to deter me from taking charge as the KPYCC president

Mohammed Haris Nalapad, KPYCC president-designate

MLA booked for violating norms

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THE BJP MLA from Belagavi North constituency, **Anil Benake**, has been booked for allegedly violating Covid-19 guidelines and the weekend curfew brought in regulation by the State Government.

Accordingly, a case has been registered against Benake at Camp police station in Belagavi. He had reportedly participated as the chief guest at an event marking the coronation of Dharmaveer Sambhaji Maharaja as the Maratha emperor on January 16, at Dharmaveer Sambhaji Circle here, though a weekend curfew was in force. Over 20 people had gathered for the ceremony, but none of them had masks on, nor did they maintain any social distance. When this act of an elected representative was trolled on social media, personnel from the Camp police station registered a suo moto FIR under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020.

While the State Government is strictly implementing Covid norms to control coronavirus cases in Karnataka, the MLA has allegedly continued to participate in various public functions over the past few days.

Benake was the chief guest at the inauguration of a buffalo race and also at the valedictory function, which was organised on the occasion of Makara Sankranti recently. Hundreds of people had participated in this event, which was held on January 14.

Meanwhile, though a case is registered against Benake for violating norms, he is busy campaigning for BJP candidates for the Assembly polls in the neighboring state of Goa.

Centre seeks Karnataka's opinion on proposed changes to IAS cadre rule

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE Centre in a letter on Wednesday has sought the Karnataka Government's opinion regarding the proposed amendment to the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, amid mounting criticism from some states regarding the issue.

Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar told *TNIE* that the state has received the letter and the response would be sent soon.

On January 12, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had written to all the States on the proposed amendment to the IAS (Cadre) Rules and sought their opinions by January 25. The letter comes as the Centre grapples with an acute shortage of IAS officers available for central deputation.

Some states like West Bengal and Kerala have strongly opposed the move, stating that it is against the spirit of federalism.

"The thrill of working in New Delhi is different from the state. The exposure during central deputation is enormous as compared to the straightjacketed experience in the state," said former IAS officer K Jairaj.

He said the Centre's proposal could be an effort to retain the All-India character of civil services because of lopsided representation from all states.

"There are more officers in the Centre from North and North-Eastern states than Southern States and Maharashtra," he added.

Former director general of police, DV Guruprasad, pointed out that 40 per cent of the senior-level posts in any state cadre is reserved for central deputation, called deputation reserve.

"When this strength is unutilised, it will create problems of cadre management in the states," he added.

The Hyderabad police arrested Chukwu Ogbonna David alias Tony, the kingpin of one of the major international drug rackets, in Mumbai and brought him to the city on Thursday. The Nigerian has been living in Mumbai since 2013.

Vigilance raids on 58 premises in TN

Places connected to former AIADMK minister KP Anbalagan, facing charges of amassing wealth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Coimbatore / Dharmapuri

THE DVAC officials on Thursday raided 58 places, including one in Telangana, linked to former AIADMK minister KP Anbalagan over charges of amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income during his tenure as minister of higher education between 2016 and 2021. Unaccounted cash of Rs 2.65 crore, a bank locker key, and a few documents were seized during the raid, sources said, adding that 6.6 kg gold jewels and 13.8kg of silver were also recorded.

AIADMK workers gather outside former TN Higher Education Minister Anbalagan's Nungambakkam property in Chennai on Thursday | EXPRESS

Cases were booked against KP Anbalagan (62) wife A Malliga (55), younger son A Sasi Mohan (29), elder son A Chandra Mohan (32), and Chandra Mohan's wife S Vaishnavee (32) under sections 12 (punishment for abetment of offenses defined in section 7 or 11), 13(2),13(1)(e),13(1)(b) (criminal misconduct by a public servant) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and section 109 (punishment of abetment) of the IPC.

Disproportionate assets worth more than Rs 11.35 crore were amassed by him between April 27, 2016 and March 15, 2021, DVAC sources said.

Anbalagan who was elected as MLA from Palacode constituency of Dharmapuri in 2016 served as minister for higher education from May 2016 to May 2021 and minister for agriculture from November 2020 to May 2021.

According to DVAC sources, during his tenure as education minister, he is believed to have earned an income of Rs 10.1 crore, but his personal assets and those of his family members exceeded this amount by Rs 11.32 crore.

MONEY LAUNDERING

ED nabs accused in app-based fraud case

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@Bengaluru

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Anas Ahmed on January 20 under the Prevention of Money laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in a case connected with fraud committed through Power Bank and other such fraud mobile applications.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation into the operations of accused entities that induced the public to invest certain amount through Power Bank and other such fraudulent apps by assuring to remit interest on daily or weekly basis on the investment made. "The accused entities closed their purported business after collecting huge sum of money from the public and went incommunicado. The accused neither paid interest nor returned the principal amount to the public and withheld the investment made by public which has resulted in commission of cheating," stated the central agency in an official release on Thursday.

According to the ED, Ahmed is partner in two accused firms - H&S Ventures Inc and Clifford Ventures. "These two partnership firms are responsible for collection of approximately Rs 84 crore from public. Ahmed has Chinese links and is suspected of being the mastermind of the whole racket," the agency stated.

The ED claimed that Ahmed indulged in corrupt and illegal activities through his partnership firms by deviating from the declared line of business/activity of gaming and has collected money from public under the guise of investment schemes through fraudulent apps. "The proceeds generated through criminal activities have been layered through a number of shell entities to remit out of India and also invest in crypto currencies," the ED stated.

Presently, Ahmed is in judicial custody and lodged in Puzhal Central Prison, Chennai, in the predicate offence booked by CB, CID, Chennai. The Principal City Civil & Sessions and Special Judge for PMLA Cases, Bengaluru, has granted six days of custody of Ahmed to ED on January 20 for enquiring into the fraud committed.

Councillor held over woman's murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

ACTING swift, district police have arrested a BJP councillor on the charges of murdering a woman in Sankeshwar recently. The accused is Umesh Kamble a member of Sankeshwar town municipal council and an active worker of BJP.

Shailaja aliyas Gourawwa Subhedar(55) was found shot to death in her residence near Sansuddi Galli corner in Sankeshwar town on January 14 on the eve of Sankranti festival. SP Laxman Nimbaragi and Additional SP Mahaling Nandagavi had formed an investigation team led by PI Ramesh Chayagol and PSI Ganapati Kongnoli. During primary investigation, the investigators learnt over a financial dispute as the deceased was a money lender.

According to sources, the deceased Shailaja was lending money for interest and she had lent over Rs 25 lakh to the accused Kamble. As she started pressurising him to repay the amount with rate of interest, the accused hatched a plot to get rid of Shailaja.

So Kamble bought a country made pistol from Sangli in Maharashtra and shot Shailaja in the wee hours on that ill-fated day.

Police are on the look out for two more accused in the case. SP Laxman Nimbargi appriciated Sankeshwar police for nabbing the accused within three days of the incident.

Students displaying placards against ban in Udupi on Thursday

Official holds discussion with students

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BOTH the minister as well as college administration maintain that the move is to ensure uniformity amongst students as well as for purposes of identity. However, the students say that it's a violation of their rights and they had been facing similar discrimination as they had not been allowed to speak in Urdu or Beary as well. For the past three weeks, these students are not being allowed inside the classrooms and are being marked absent. They have been coming to college, but wait outside the classroom as they have not been given permission to attend classes with the hijab on.

Reacting to the issue, Prof Varadesh Hiregange, Director, Gandhian Centre for Philosophical Arts and Sciences, MAHE, Manipal, felt that as long as the face of the student is visible, wearing hijab should not be considered as going against the rules on uniforms. ''Hijab might be a religious compulsion, so it is not correct to intrude into one's religious faith. Also, there are many such other faiths, like how Sikhs wear turbans. The issue should be looked at from such a perspective as the hijab does not go against the uniform rule," he added.

Meanwhile, based on the directive of Udupi Deputy Commissioner Kurma Rao M, Kundapura sub-division Assistant Commissioner Raju arrived at the college on Wednesday and held meetings with the DDPU Maruthi and college principal Rudra Gauda. The AC also held talks with the college development committee members and the protesting students.

No separate account maintained on PM swearing-in, reveals RTI reply

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

AN RTI reply has revealed that the office of the President of India does not have details of the total money spent on the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister in 2019.

T Narasimha Murthy, an RTI activist from Bengaluru, had applied through RTI seeking information of the total cost of the swearing-in ceremony of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of India, on May 30, 2019. In the application, Murthy had sought details of expenditure on high tea, food arrangement (both veg and non-veg) for all participants, including foreign dignitaries, transportation, including air ticket charges for foreigners, light, sound, flower decoration, invitation cards, and other expenditure.

Though the applicant got details of the expenses on a few things, the details of others have not been shared citing various reasons. As per the details shared to the applicant, Rs 32,11,953 was spent on tents and mobile toilets, Rs 11,79,750 on lighting and DG set, and Rs 18,63,744 on an audio system, car calling, video walls, and UPS system. Besides, Rs 10,60,058 was spent towards flower arrangement and displaying of potted plants. All these put together, Rs 73,15,505 was spent.

As far as the food expenses are concerned (around 8,000 guests took part in the event), the applicant has got a reply that no separate event-wise accounts were maintained, and bills generated by vendors are settled periodically. "Similarly, the printing of invitation cars is undertaken by the Government of India Press, and expenses relating to the same are debited notionally. With regard to the expenses on the air tickers of foreign delegates, it was stated that the same was not incurred by the President's Secretariat," the reply stated.

RTI activist Murthy said denial of information is the denial of the fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution of India. "That being the case, how can the President's office deny a citizen query through RTI?" he questioned.

HOME MINISTER WARNS COPS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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FOLLOWING the involvement of two policemen in a drug case recently, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has warned of initiating strict action against police staff who associate themselves with anti-social elements.

He was speaking to reporters after laying the foundation stone for new buildings to be constructed for Chamrajpet and Chikpet traffic police stations, on Thursday. Replying to a question about the involvement of policemen in some criminal cases, Jnanendra said, "Our government has zero tolerance towards such attitude. Because of a few black sheep, the entire force which has a strength of more than one lakh will get a bad name. Those staff who join hands with anti-social elements and indulge in criminal activities will be dealt with an iron hand," he warned.

He said that he has sought a report into the incident in which police staff tried to extort drug peddlers near the CM's residence and will initiate action against the errant staff based on the report. "Suspension is not enough for those who are supposed to protect law but themselves indulge in criminal activities. Such people should not continue in the police force," the minister added.

Case handed over to CCB

The major drug peddling case involving two police constables was handed over to the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Thursday for a detailed probe. Inspector Ashwath Gowda and his junior officer Veerabhadrappa Swamy attached to the RT Nagar police station were suspended on Wednesday as they allegedly tried to dilute the case. A senior police officer said that City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant took strong exception about the investigation and directed the CCB to conduct a detailed probe.

"The officers did not seek custody of the accused constables Shivakumar and Santosh for questioning though it was an important case and needed in-depth investigation to ascertain their criminal background," a senior police officer said.

It may recalled that two constables attached to the Chief Minister residence security were caught drug peddling a week ago.

Man held for blackmailing women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NORTH-East Cyber Crime police on Thursday arrested a 36-year-old unemployed man for blackmailing women on the pretext of marriage. The accused, identified as Vijay Kumar S, a resident of Rajaji Nagar, had extorted many women after collecting their private photos. A senior police officer said that in a recent case, Vijay had befriended a woman on a matrimonial site and met her. He had video recorded their private moments and later blackmailed her to give Rs 50,000.

Vijay used to claim to be a journalist, film artiste and IT employee depending upon the situation and lure women in matrimonial sites. The accused would then gain their confidence and take private pictures and blackmail them to extort money. Using a similar modus operandi he had extorted many women before harassing them. He also created a fake account in the name of the victim.

ART FOR CONVENTION

An artist creates graffiti ahead of the CPM state conference to be held in Ernakulam in March, in Kochi on Thursday | ALBIN MATHEW

'There is 1,000% increase in enrolments'

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THE neoschool, which students can attend for a few hours after their regular school hours, aims to help children develop their social and real-world skills. The schools can be attended in lieu of tuitions, where students are trained in subjects they already learn in school. Instead, the startup plans to offer courses and classes in subjects that children would not have access to in regular schools. The classes focus on building social awareness in children, training them to work in teams and communicate effectively. Further, the neoschool hopes to encourage children in critical, scientific and design thinking, as well as problem-solving.

The classes are extremely tightknit, with a 1:6 teacher-student ratio as well as encourages learning at all ages, with classes being for mixed ages. The neoschool admits children from the age groups of 8 to 14, making use of a number of teaching methodologies from around the world. "We have seen a 1000% increase in enrolments and are extremely overwhelmed with the learning outcomes and genuine student happiness," said Srinivas.

StayQrious uses a practical teaching methodology to train children on key knowledge like design thinking, collaborative problem solving, scientific thinking, etc. A dedicated 'learning coach' trains children how to work in teams and communicate courageously, trains them to have the emotional mindsets to handle future uncertainty, and most importantly, teaches them effective study-techniques so that they can self-learn whatever they need to in the future.

HC quashes proceedings against match-fixing accused

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against four people, including players and a bookie allegedly involved in match fixing during the KPL 2019 season, which was pending before a trial court in the city. The high court noted that the allegations made in the charge sheet do not constitute an offence under Section 420 of the IPC and therefore, offence under Section 120 B cannot be invoked in the circumstances.

The accused are C M Gautam, Abrar Kazi, Ashfaq, the owner of the Belagavi Panthers team, and Amit Mavi, a bookie. The Organised Crime Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) filed the charge sheet before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate after the investigation into the FIR registered by the Cubbon Park police.

Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar observed the allegations found in the charge sheet must constitute an offence in connection with the alleged conspiracy. "The allegations do not constitute an offence under Section 420 of IPC and hence, offence under Section 120 B cannot be invoked. Therefore, the argument of the prosecution cannot be accepted and I come to the conclusion that all these petitions deserve to be allowed", the judge said.

ISKCON directed to refund ₹1.19L

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Consumer Commission has directed the ISKCON, Bengaluru, to refund the amount paid by a resident of the city for booking a convention hall 'Dwarakapuri' for his son's marriage, supposed to be held in September, but cancelled due to the pandemic.

"The complaint requires to be allowed in part. ISKCON is liable to refund Rs 1.19 lakh, including 'Homa' cost of Rs 7,500, to the complainant within 60 days. Failing which, the ISKCON is liable to pay interest at the rate of 8 percent from the date of expiry of 60 days till realisation," the Commission said.

The Commission comprising president, KS Bilagi, and member, Renukadevi Deshpande, passed the order while partly allowing the complaint filed by Nanjundegowda, 67, from Hampi Nagar in city, seeking directives to ISKCON on Chord Road to refund balance of Rs 1.34 lakh with interest.

The complainant had booked a Dwarakapuri Kalyanmantap for two days, paying Rs 2.47 lakh and a donation of Rs 7,500. Following cancellation, only Rs 1.13 lakh was reimbursed out of the advance payment. Despite request, the ISKCON failed to refund the rest.

In reply, ISKCON admitted that the marriage hall was booked and Rs 7,500 was collected towards performing 'Narasimha Homa', but the same was not performed, and agreed to refund Rs 7,500. There is no deficiency of service, it claimed.

After hearing the parties, the Commission said that "the non-refund of amount of Rs 1.19 lakh amounts to deficiency of service. Even though complainant claims refund of Rs 1.34 lakh but as indicated in the order, the complainant is entitled to Rs 1.19 lakh only, including Rs 7,500 paid towards the homa."

HC asks state not to take coercive action against firm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the state government and police not to take any coercive action against Vihan Direct Selling (India) Pvt Ltd, an e-commerce direct selling company, based on FIRs and other proceedings till the issue on applicability of the Karnataka Protection of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act is adjudicated by the court.

Passing the interim order after hearing a petition filed by the company questioning the legality of invoking the provisions of the act against the company, a division bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Suraj Govindaraj directed the company to cooperate with the investigation taken up by the authorities.

The company moved the court on the grounds that it is a e-commerce based direct selling company and not a financial establishment to invoke the provisions of the act against it.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
Crl. Mis. No. 218/2021
PETITIONER: SRI GANGARAJU .A -V/s-
RESPONDENT: THE THAHASILDAR, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Gangaraju .A** S/o Anjinappa, aged about 49 years, R/at, Andanappa Circle, Thotadaguddahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the respondent for obtaining the death certificate of petitioners mother by name **Kempamma W/o Anjinappa**, who died on **23.03.1996** at the above said address.

And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing on **27.01.2022** before the Hon'ble Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Nelamangala. You are hereby summoned who are interested in this regard to appear to answer the same. If you failing which the petition will be disposed off an enquiry.

Given under my hand and the seal of court on 19-01-2022.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Jr. Dvn.) and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Gangaraju .C**
Siddivinayaka Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client **Sri.R.Mahesh Chandra** has **lost** the original documents viz., Sale deed dated 28-09-1972, document No.3206/1972-73 and Sheet Nos.6, 7 and 10 of Sale deed dated 12-12-1991, Document No.2864/1991-92, in respect of property Nos.12 and 13 (old No.2/1), situated at Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, while taking Xerox copy of the same at Basavanagudi. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos.9844155041 and 9880482225.

V. S. RAI & ASSOCIATES, LAW FIRM.
#23, Venkatadri 2nd Floor, 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that my clients **Ms. Mala.T and Sri.Bharat and Sri.Sanjay Kumar** intended to purchase the Sy.No. 106/6, totally measuring 1 acre 24 guntas, situated at **Sulivara Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,** which bounded on: **East by : Sy.No. 106/5, West by : Site Road, North by : Sy.No. 106/7, South by : Sy.No. 69/1 and 69/2,** from its owners Sri.B.Basavarajaiah, Smt.Geetha, Sri. Vijay Kumar and Sri Mahadevaiah S.R, If any person entity has any claim /objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/ objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said property from the owners.

(K.V. Prema Krishna) Advocate
No. 25, D.M. Chambers,
BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar,
Bangalore-560098. Ph : 9341381368

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Tender Notice No. TBM-SG-CN-2021 - 22 - 03 OT DT: 12.01.2022

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:

1. Name of the work: Supply, Installation, configuration, testing and commissioning of telecommunication and networking arrangement at New Railway hospital (D Block) at Perambur. **2. Cash value in Rupees:** ₹2,78,67,513.61. **3. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹2,89,300.00. **4. Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site: 03.02.2022 up to 11 hrs. 5. Cost of Tender Document (Rs.):** NIL. **6. Period of Completion in month(s):** Eight (8).

Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways. payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only.

The supply/work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.

Dy. CHIEF SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEER/ Construction/ S.Rly., TAMBARAM, CHENNAI, 600 045

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Tender No. BDA/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT1471 Dated: 19.01.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDERS

BDA invites short-term tenders for **Providing New LED Street lights of different wattages with connected accessories and providing earthing, LT Distribution Box for Existing Distribution transformer centers at various of JP Nagara 8th Phase and JP Nagara 9th Phase, BDA Layout, Bengaluru.**

Calendar of Events : (1) Period of Download of tender document from: **24.01.2022, 11.00 AM. (2)** Last date and time of submission by uploading the filled tender document: **07.02.2022, 17.00 hrs. (3)** Date and time of opening of tenders (Technical & Financial Bid): **11.02.2022, 17.00 hrs.**

For more details please refer e-procurement portal website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec.), BDA, T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru. Contact No.: +919845630164.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.), Electrical Division, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/TN/18/2021-22

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH HASSAN

District Health & Family Welfare Office, Hassan

Email: dhohassan@gmail.com Ph: 08172-246832
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Tender Notification

District Health and Family welfare office. Hassan is inviting below mentioned Tenders. Those who are interested can apply through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For more information can contact this office in office hours. sl No.1)Tender No: DHFWS/2021-22/IND5057 Subject: Supply of 32 slice CT scan machine to Taluk general Hospital Holenarasipura. Last date for Submission of tender: 28-01-2022 2.30PM Tender value: 350.00 Lakhs 2)DHFWS/2021-22/IND5269 Subject: Supply of Opthalmic medical equipment to Taluk General Hospital Holenarsipura Last date for Submission of tender: 28-01-2022 3.00 PM Tender value: 20.00 Lakhs

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan
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No. KSMCL/LEE/EC/1/2022/2866 Date: 20-01-2022

e-Tender Invitation

KSMCL invites e-tender for engaging experienced and qualified agencies for obtaining Environmental Clearance from the Authority for Mining/Quarry Projects.

CALENDER OF EVENTS: a) Last date and time for uploading of e-Tender : 09-02-2022 up to 5.00 PM. b) Date & time of opening of Technical Bid: 11-02-2022 at 11.00 AM. c) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,00,000/-.

The e-Tender document can be downloaded from e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Contact e-procurement helpdesk No. 080-46010000/68948777, e-mail:support@eprochelpdesk.com for any support in uploading and registration.

Sd/- General Manager (P)
DIPR/DDU/2959/AKAR/2021-22

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients intend to purchase the schedule property from its present owner **Sri. BYRE GOWDA K**, Aged about 39 years,S/o Sri. Kala Byraiah, residing at No.42, 2nd Main Road, Venkatachari Nagar, Lottegollahalli Railway Station, RMV II Stage, Bangalore 560 094. Sri Byre Gowda K states to our clients that he has acquired the schedule property from its previous Owners **(1) Mr. Harpal Singh Chawla** and **(2) Smt. Gurvinder Kaur,** by way of registered absolute sale deed bearing No.CMP-1-03950-2011-12, CD No.CMPD41 dated 22.02.2012 duly registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Chamarajapete, Bangalore for a valuable consideration and further states to our client that he is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the schedule property without any let or hindrance from anyone. Anyone having any right, title, interest or claim in respect of the schedule property shall register their claim or objection in writing to the undersigned along with all the necessary documents within **10 days,** otherwise our client will proceed with purchase of the schedule property and no claims whatever will be entertained thereafter in any manner.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house property bearing **No.2343,** BBMP Khatha No.466/2343, measuring East to West 12.30 Meters and North to South 7.50 Meters, along with building consisting of Ground Floor portion measuring about 650 Sq.Fts. and First Floor measuring about 700 Sq.fts, with mosaic flooring, RCC Roof, Doors and windows made of jungle wood with all civic amenities, situated at **Kumaraswamy Layout,** Ward No.185, 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 076 and bounded on the;

East by : Property No. 2333
West by : Road
North by : Property No. 2344
South by : Property No. 2342

K.S. Raghuram B.Com., L.L.B., **Advocate**
Pro Legal, #524, 10th Main, 33rd Cross, IV Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011
Bangalore Date : 21-01-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the property mentioned in the below from it's owner: **1) Sri. C.N.Sathyanarayana Setty** S/o. late C.R.Narasimha Setty Aadhaar No.2302 1973 1366 **2) Smt.C.S.Uma** W/o Sri. C.N .Sathyanarayana Setty Aadhaar No.5590 5488 7316 **3) Sri.Karthik C.S.** S/o. Sri. C.N. Sathyanarayana Setty Aadhaar No.2316 0806 4216 **4) Sri.Kruthik.C.S.** S/o.Sri.C.N. Sathyanarayana Setty Aadhaar No.9325 3130 0836 all residing at No.321, Sumukha, 3rd A Cross Road, 2nd block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru-560 079. represent that they are the absolute owner of the schedule property. It is represented that Sri.C.N.Sathyanarayana Setty, vide sale deed dated: 03/05/1989, which has been duly registered as document bearing No.392/ 89-90 of book No. I, stored in volume No. 1014, at pages 111-121, in the office of the Sub Registrar Rajajinagar and has good marketable, right title and interest therein and that apart from them there are no other persons/s having any right or claim over the schedule property and they have not entered into any agreements/memorandum of understanding etc., for sale or creation of rights therein. The owner further represents that he has not mortgaged, created any right, interest and lien or encumbered the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner with any person.

It is hereby informed the General Public that a charge, lien, mortgage right title or interest etc., on the schedule property, shall with documentary evidence should notify the undersigned and lodge their objection/s or claims *within fifteen (15) days* from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable **property bearing Site No. 11,** Municipal No. 11/B, property no. 11/B, P.I.D.No.-43-11/B, situated at 4th Stage, Rajajinagar Industrial Town, Bengaluru, admeasuring **East to West: 30 ft and North to South: 92 ft, in all measuring 2,760 sft,** presently coming with the limits of B.B.M.P. Ward No.106/ Dr. Rajkumar, with construction of **5,250 sft on the ground floor to an extent of 1,800 sft and on the 1st floor** and **second floor each to an extent of 1,725 feet** together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever underneath and above the surface and bounded on;

East by : Property bearing site No.10
West by : remaining portion of site no.11
North by : Property bearing site No.6
South by : Road

Sd/-
Rajendra. S. Angadi. (Advocate)
Address for service :-
Angadi Associates
S.V.Angadi, Sujata.S.Angadi, Rajendra.S.Angadi, Advocates,
No.24, Pipeline Main Road
Next to 7th B Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru-560 003. Mob: 98452-92045,
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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

1) Mass replacement of outlived Street Lighting Poles, (2) Annual Rate Contract for Purchase of Galvanized M.S. Arm Brackets of various sizes.

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

3) 72640

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/111/2022 GENERAL MANAGER

Mysore District Co-Operative Milk Producers'Societies Union Ltd.,

Bannur Road, Alanahalli Post, Mysuru-570028.
Phone No. 0821-2474475, **Fax No.**0821-2474476,
e - mail : purmymul@gmail.com

Short term tender Notification (Through e-procurement only)

Mysore Dist. Co-Op Ltd Milk Union Ltd., Mysore Invites tender from eligible Tenderers for the Supply of the following materials / services through e-procurement portal. For the tender document please visit e-procurement platform at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl No	Tender Notification No And Date	Items(Details)	Last Date for Submission of Tender
1	KMF/221-22/IN0D9790	Supply of Softener Cation Resin, Membrane and Canteen grocery items on half yearly rate contract basis.	26.01.2022 Before 5:00PM

For further information please contact Manager (purchase) during working hours.(Mobile No: 6366430803/9845284700).

Sd/- Managing Director
Mysore District Co-Operative Milk Union Ltd.,

ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ.

ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ/ಪಪಂ/ಕಾ.ವಿ./ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-01-2022

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಯಾವತ್ತೂ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅಮೃತ ನಿರ್ಮಲ ನಗರ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ INDENT No 126470, 126376 Goods INDENT 13110 ಕೈಗೊಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ :02-02-2022ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ / ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬಸೈಟನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಶ್ರೀ. ವೈ .ಜಿ. ಗದ್ದಿಗೌಡರ
ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ

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ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು,ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾ/908/2021-22/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

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Government of Karnataka

Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere

No.: EE:R.D.W.&S.D.:D/A.E.-2/J.J.M.Tender:2021-22
Date: 19.01.2022

Short-Term Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurement)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar tenders are invited through e-procurement in KW Forms as per rules of the Department from registered, eligible contractors registered in e-procurement for supply of drinking water scheme works approved under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme (providing Tap Connection to Houses) in Channagiri Taluk of Davanagere District for the year 2021-22. Last date for submission of filled tenders through e-procurement portal: 03.02.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from phone no. of this office: 08192-26126 or from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W. & S. Division, Davanagere
ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/650/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2021-22

BRAHMAGIRI DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Kolagappara P.O, Pathiripalam, Meenangadi
Mob: 9747165562,9995522532. e-mail - ceobrahmagiri@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 20-01-2022

Online bids are invited for the following works.

Sl No.	Tender reference	Description	Est Cost	EMD	Tender Document Cost
1	BDS/WC/ 01/2022	Supply,installation and Commissioning of Coffee Roasting Machine	1 cr.	1 Lakh	20,000+ GST (18%)
2	BDS/WC/ 02/2022	Supply,installation and Commissioning of Coffee Grinding Machine	20 Lakh	20,000	4,000+ GST (18%)
3	BDS/WC/ 03/2022	Supply,installation and Commissioning of Fully automatic Coffee Powder Packing Machine	15 Lakh	15,000	3,000+ GST (18%)

Tender documents and all other information related to tender can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.The Last date of Online bid submission is 10-02-2022 at 3 PM.

(Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer.
(Tender inviting authority)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS

K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560001, Ph: 91-080-22212408, Fax: 91-080-22277528

No. SSLR/13011/119/2021 DATED: 20.01.2022

PUBLICATION

Sub: Engagement of Licensed Surveyors

Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records calls online application to engage Licensed Surveyors. The last date for submission of application is extended upto **31.01.2022.**

Sd/-
Additional Director
Survey Settlement and
Land Records, Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/2953/2021-22

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RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(YERMAURS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

No: KPCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT11943/CALL-3 Date: 19.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Two part tenders are invited from OEM/OES authorized dealers/ Class-II and above licensed contractors having past experience for **Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2V, 80AH, 110V DC VRLA maintenance free batteries and accessories including buy back of released batteries at 11kV substation YTPS.** The tender shall be submitted only through Gok e-Portal on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of tenders: **27.01.2022.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer(E-1), RPCL-YTPS, Yermarus-584134. Mobile-9448290799.**

Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka

New Public offices Annexe Building, Nrupatunga Road, K. R. Circle, Bengaluru - 560001, Website: www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in
e-mail : ssakarnataka@gmail.com

No. SSK/QA/Nali Kali/FLN/L.R/2021-22 Date: 19.01.2022

e-Tender Notification

(Only through e-procurement portal of GOK)

Sub: Invitation of Short Term e-Tender for Print (along with DTP), and Supply of FLN Activity Books.

Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka, has invited short term tender through e-procurement portal for Print (along with DTP), and Supply of Medium wise FLN Activity Books for class 1 to 3 to 204 Block Resource Centres (BRC's) of 34 Districts of Karnataka through eligible firms/agencies.

- Last date of submission of tender : **29.01.2022 at 17:00 hrs IST.**
- Date of pre-bid meeting : **25.01.2022 @ 15.00 hrs IST.**
- Details can be obtained from: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
State Project Director
SSK, Karnataka

DIPR/DDU/AAPL/RO2934/21-22

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/Trans(W&M)C/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/4725 Date: 19.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against **Bid Enquiry No.:** SEE/TRC/KLB/ EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/ EHV Grade Transformer Oil, for Manufacture, Testing and supply of EHV Grade Transformer Oil (in non returnable new Steel Barrels of 210 litres capacity).

The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement" on or after 21.01.2022 on/after 12.30 PM.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele)., Trans(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Sedam Raod, Kalaburagi-585 105., Phone: 08472-256176.

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT

Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri,
Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot – 587104

No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-147/2021-22 Date: 20/01/2022

E-PROCUREMENT RE TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting e-Procurement retender for the **laboratory equipments** for the use of various campus of the university. The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through e-procurement platform. For more details, please contact Ph.No: 08354-230258 and visit the link **https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in** for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries / clarification.	31-01-2022	@	14.00 Hrs
2	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	04-02-2022	@	16.00 Hrs
3	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	07-02-2022	@	10.00 Hrs
4	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	09-02-2022	@	12.00 Hrs

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting e-procurement portal.

Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER
UHS, BAGALKOT

DIPR/BGK/495/2021-22/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:903/SEE/Tr(W&M)/EEE(O)T-3/21-22/CYS-58 Date: 20.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tenders for the following works on Turnkey Basis.

1) Replacement of existing Faulty Disc Insulators by 220kV Polymer Disc Insulators along with accessories of 220kV Ambewadi-Xeldom Line-1 in the jurisdiction of TLM Sub-Division, Sirsi, on Total Turn Key Basis. **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/903/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-3/21-22/220kV Ambewadi-Xeldom Line-1.**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/"** on or after **21.01.2022** details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Karawara Road, Vidhyuthnagar, Hubballi.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL Sonthi L.I.Division, Khanapur Camp
Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri, Karnataka State, Email Id: eeslikpur@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/ SLI Divn./ AME works /2021-22/846 Dated: 13.01.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e- Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL., Bangalore , the Executive Engineer KBJNL, Sonthi LI Division, Khanapur Tq: Shahapur invites Tenders on percentage basis in TWO cover bid system from register contractor in KPWD /PWD/KBJNL. The tenderers are required to submit EMD and documents should be submitted through e-portal only.

1) Details of work : Annual Maintenance for Sannathi Bridge Cum Barrage Across Bhima River Near Sannathi Village of Chittapur Taluk, Dist Kalaburagi for the year 2021-22 **(Indent No. 21607),** 2) Amount put to tender : **Rs. 53.33 lakhs,** 3) Contractors class : Class-I and Above contractors, 4) Tender process fee : As per e-portal, 5) EMD : Rs. 1.10 lakhs, 6) Submission of completed e-tendering documents : From: 18.01.2022 to 27.01.2022 up to 5.00 pm. 7) Submission of completed e-tendering document : 27.01.2022 up to 5.00 pm. 8) Date and time of opening of tenders : 29.01.2022 at 11.30 am, 9) Place of opening of tenders : Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Sonthi LI Division, Khanapur.

The tender details can be obtained from the e-procurement platform. For any additional information's please contact the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Yadgiri/352/MC&A/2021-22 **KBJNL, SonthiL I Division, Khanapura Camp**

AXIS BANK LIMITED

Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Limited, Plot No 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560009.
Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC - 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai-400708.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad-380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **08 February 2022** for recovery of **Rs.4,79,22,787.22/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven and Paise Twenty Two Only)** dues as on **30.09.2020** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **1) Mr. Akkhrutha Technocrats Ltd.** and **2) Mr. Puvaiah Kodendera** in **Loan No.910030029144384.** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

Known Encumbrances (If Any)	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. if any, as applicable
Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Rs. 4,00,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore.
Bid Incremental Amount	Rs. 40,000/- (Rs. Forty Thousand only)
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids/ Tender with EMD	Till 07 February 2022 latest by 04:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Limited, Plot No.41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560009, addressed to Mr. Charan K.
Date, Time, And Venue For Public E-Auction	On 08 February 2022, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon at Axis Bank Limited, Plot No.41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560009.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing amalgamated BBMP Khata No.01, (Old No.1 & 4), Old Site Nos.32, 10/1, 11/1 & 12/3 and 33, 10/1, 11/1 & 12/3 situated at 3rd Cross, B M Krishnappa Layout, Shampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, BBMP Ward No.95, Bangalore, total measuring 8390 sq.ft. and **bounded on: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail**

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Charan K (Mobile. No. +91-9986775966)** Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors under Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date: 21.01.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383, website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND/DPR-10/13917/2021-22 Date: 20.01.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB invites tenders from reputed consultants/firms under two cover bid system having an office at Bengaluru with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of works of Providing Consultancy Services for Providing Consultancy Services for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), Economic Analysis, Surveying, Layout Plan, Design, Preparation of Estimates, Cost Structure etc., for the proposed Koluru-Ganajuru Industrial Area, Haveri Taluk and District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **09.02.2022 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. **25.01.2022** onwards.

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU/Zen/R.O:2944/2021-22 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

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The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583 Kollam, Kerala, India,
Phone: +91-476-2651215 to 2651217. Fax : +91-0476-2680101.
Email: contact@kmml.com , URL:www.kmml.com

SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

No	Tender Id	Name of the Work
1	2022_KMML_467442_1	For the supply of CHLORINATOR BRICKS
2	2022_KMML_467397_1	For fabrication and supply of Heavy Ends Condenser E215
3	2022_KMML_467383_1	For fabrication and supply of Condenser Column Cooler E204-205
4	2022_KMML_466985_1	For the supply of Current Transformer

Chavara 20.01.2022 sd/-DGM(Mtls) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd

No	Tender Id	Name of the Work
5	2022_KMML_467679_1	Excavation of iron oxide from third pond in as is where is condition and shifting to old ponds in KMML
6	2022_KMML_469002_1	Design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of new 40TPH Boiler plant project at TP unit of KMML on turnkey basis
7	2022_KMML_468561_1	HVAC for PCC-2 and U-200 MCC room of TP unit of KMML

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No: SG/PROJ/I/MS/IP-MPLS 141 stations /2022/RT EOT (07) Date : 13.01.2022

Office of the Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project I, 1st Floor, G.C. Building, Mc Nichols Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Project I, Southern Railway, Chetpet, Chennai-31 for and on behalf of 'President of India' invites OPEN E-Tender in a Two packet from the competent, experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the under noted work:

1) Name of the Work: Design, Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of IP-MPLS routers along with power supply arrangements over Southern Railway. **2) Estimated cost of the work:** ₹ 16,44,71,363.17/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Forty Four lakh Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three & seventeen paisa only. 3)Earnest money: ₹ 9,72,400/- **4) Completion period:** 12 (Twelve) Months. 5) Last date and Time of online submission (closing) of tender: **14.02.2022 up to 14.00 Hrs .** 6) Validity of offer: **60 days from date of tender opening.** 7) Website address, time and Date from which tender documents will be available: On Indian Railway Website i.e, **www.ireps.gov.in** from 13.01.2022. **8) Last date and time for submission of Tender: Before 14.00 Hrs of 14.02.2022. 9) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid (Packet-I): After 14.00 Hrs of 14.02.2022. 10) Website Particulars for bid submission:** Bids are to be submitted online only. Tenderers must register on Indian Railways E-Procurement System (**IREPS**) site i.e., **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in E-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum / Addendum if required, would be posted on this site only. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender. Any manual offer received shall be ignored. **11) Cost of the Tender Document:** Nil. **12) Participation of Joint Venture: Allowed** for this tender as per Railway Board Guidelines.

Further particulars can be obtained from Indian Railways Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderers who wish to participate in tenders invited on **www.ireps.gov.in** have to register on the website mandatorily. Please refer to website for more details. Tenderers can submit EMD only through online mode. Online payment of Earnest money can be made through netbanking, debit/credit or payment gateway only. Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-Tender portal).

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project I, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No: SG/PROJ/I/MS/IP-MPLS 55 stations /2022/RT EOT (06) Date : 13.01.2022

Office of the Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project I, 1st Floor, G.C. Building, Mc Nichols Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Project I, Southern Railway, Chetpet, Chennai-31 for and on behalf of 'President of India' invites OPEN E-Tender in a Single packet from the competent, experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the under noted work:

1) Name of the Work: Design, Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of IP-MPLS routers along with power supply arrangements in Trivandrum division over Southern Railway. **2) Estimated cost of the work:** ₹ 6,88,95,270,78/- (Rupees Six Crore Eighty Eight lakhs Ninty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy & seventy Eight paisa only). 3)Earnest money: ₹ 4,94,500/- **4) Completion period:** 9 (Nine) Months. 5) Last date and Time of online submission (closing) of tender: **Before 14.00 Hrs. of 14.02.2022.** 6) Validity of offer: **45 days from date of tender opening.** 7) Website address, time and Date from which tender documents will be available: On Indian Railway Website i.e, **www.ireps.gov.in** from 13.01.2022. **8) Last date and time for submission of Tender: 14.00 Hrs of 14.02.2022. 9) Date and time of opening of Tender: After 14.00 Hrs. of 14.02.2022. 10) Website Particulars for bid submission:** Bids are to be submitted online only. Tenderers must register on Indian Railways E-Procurement System (**IREPS**) site i.e., **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in E-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum / Addendum if required, would be posted on this site only. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender. Any manual offer received shall be ignored. **11) Cost of the Tender Document:** Nil. **12) Participation of Joint Venture: Not Allowed** for this tender as per Railway Board Guidelines.

Further particulars can be obtained from Indian Railways Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderers who wish to participate in tenders invited on **www.ireps.gov.in** have to register on the website mandatorily. Please refer to website for more details. Tenderers can submit EMD only through online mode. Online payment of Earnest money can be made through netbanking, debit/credit or payment gateway only. Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-Tender portal).

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project I, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031

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A.P.TOWNSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

4th Floor, Bus Bhavan, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Corrigendum-04 Dt: 19.01.2022

For the RFP proposals invited for providing STPs in 6 packages across the state for Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Nellore & Chittoor District vide Tender Notice No: 03/CTO-I/APTIDCO/2020-21, dt:20.12.2021, for East Godavari-II vide Tender Notice No: 02/CTO-I/APTIDCO/2020-21, Dt:29.12.2021 and Guntur, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Prakasam and Srikakulam vide Tender Notice No: 04/ CTO-I/APTIDCO/2020-21, Dt:10.01.2022 on E-Procurement Platform.

APTIDCO hereby issued the Corrigendum notice for the attention of all potential bidders for the above said RFPs and for any other particulars please contact T.O.(8897644281) APTIDCO, Vijayawada during office working hours and the detailed corrigendum responses can be downloaded from the E-procurement platform at **http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Managing Director, APTIDCO, Vijayawada

DIPR No.637PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.20/01/2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division, BBMP Complex, 39th Cross, 18th Main Road, Jayanagara 4th T Block, Bengaluru-41.

No: EE(JN)/PR/09/2021-22 Date: 19.01.2022

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Regarding Corrigendum of Short Term Tender Notification

Ref:- Tender Notification No: EE/JN/DM-E-PROC/09/ 2021-22, Dated: 03.01.2022

With reference to the above subject, the short term tender was invited under notification No: EE/JN/ DM-E-PROC/09/2021-22, Dated: 03.01.2022. For the said tender Pre bid meeting will be held on 17.01.2022 at 4:00 pm & Last date for submission of tender is on 24.01.2022 instead of 22.01.2022. The tenders will be opened on 25.01.2022 instead of 24.01.2022. The participating contractors in the Tender should have Electric license along Civil license. Rest no other changes.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **08/10/2021** calling upon the borrower **M/s Sri Basaveshwara Event Management. Prop: Mr. Divakar B V -** No135 BEML Layout, 5th Phase, VBHBCS Layout, Sachidananda Nagar, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mr. Divakar B V and Smt. Halamma,** Both are at : 7 Gattigere Extn, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 22,10,148.95 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Ten Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight & Paise Ninety Five Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **19th day of January of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK for an amount of **Rs. 9,06,739.18 (Rupees Nine Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and Paise Eighteen Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of House property bearing to 7, erstwhile Sy.No.72, CMC Khatha No.750, Present BBMP Khatha No.711/7/72/750, Halagevadarahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south, Bangalore measuring East to West : 30' and North to South : 40' totally measuring 1200 sq. ft and bounded on the : **East by :** Property bearing Site No.6, **West by :** Property bearing Site No.8, **North by :** Private property and **South by :** 30' Road

Date : 19.01.2022 Place : Bangalore — Authorised Officer Canara Bank

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU (DRT-II)

LIC Jeevan Mangal building, No.4, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Bengaluru - 560025

O.A. No. 1699 of 2019

BETWEEN :

Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru ...... **Applicant**

AND:

M/s Southern Batteries Pvt. Ltd. & Others ...... Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To Defendant :-

(4) Sri. B Radhakrishnan S/o Sri Bhaskaran Pillai, Aged About 66 years, Residing at No. 1014, Sreehan Nilaya, 2nd Cross, 8th Main Street, Sector 7, HSR Layout, Bangalore.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of **a Sum of Rs.18,28,51,559/-** inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest.

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **05/04/2022 at 10.30 am** as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **21/12/2021** at Bangalore

By Order of the Tribunal Sd/- The REGISTRAR DRT-II, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client who is intending to purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule from its owner Sri Lohit Kumar K.N S/o.Nagaraju R & Smt. Shilpa W/o Lohit Kumar K.N, residing at Koppa Village, Hulimangala Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560105, who purchased from Gurivi Reddy Gari Amarnath Reddy S/o G. Jayarami Reddy.

Therefore, Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, inheritance, possession, tenancy, beneficial interest under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming whatsoever in or over the Schedule Property or to any portions thereof, may submit their objection/s, claim/s, in writing to the undersigned, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 14 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which the negotiations will be completed, without any reference to such claims, and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Property Site No.115, E Khatha** Property in converted Sy.No.s111/3, in the BMRDA approved layout known as AISHWARYA GOLDEN NEST FORMED IN CONVERTED different Sy.No.s measuring East to West 60 sq,ft, North to South 40 Sq.ft., situated at **Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. BOUNDARIES FOR THE ENTIRE PROPERTY:** On the **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.110 **North by:** Site No.116, **South by:** Site No.114.

Smt. SHAILAJA VENKAT, Advocate No.29, 4th Main, Brindavana Extn, Arakere, Bangalore-560076. Ph;9972233600 Date : 20/01/2022

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BUILDING ORGANISATION

Tender Amendment Notice No.12 / VLR – CLE / 2021 – 2022 / Dated : 20.01.2022

The following amendments for the works, for which sealed tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1, in the Tender Notice No.11 / VLR-CLE / 2021-2022 / Dated.11.01.2022 is issued as below.

Sl. No.	Amendment	
	Approximate Value of Work including GST	Earnest Money Deposit
1.	Rs.597.35 Lakhs	Rs.3,09,000 /-
2.	Rs.605.95 Lakhs	Rs.3,13,000/-

Other terms and conditions in the Tender notice remains unaltered.

DIPR/ 458 /TENDER/2022 — **Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1.**

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise) Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti Camp. Ph.08533-271361

No.TPC/KNNL/EE.2/TS-4/LIS tend/2021-22/1328 Date: 14-01-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Only through e-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalaore the Executive Engineer KNNL No.2 Division Odderahatti Tq:Gangavathi Dist:Koppal in Karnataka invites tenders on **LUMP SUM TURN KEY** basis on e-pocurement portal for the following work from category-III and above enrolled contractor for the work of Survey investigation design,supply installation testing and commissioning of Head Works including all appurtenant structures, pipe line , motors with pumps and electro mechanical works by lifting water for irrigation from Tungabhadra River to Budaval,Salagunda, Dhadesugur,Maladinni village land including power supply with five years operation & Maintenance for LIS on Turn Key basis in two cover system i.e technical bid and financial bid under signed division. The cost of amount put to tender is Schem No-1 Rs.492.25 Scheme – 2 Rs.444.76 Scheme-3 Rs.362.41 Lakhs and EMD 1) Rs.4.93, 2)Rs.4.45 ,3)Rs.3.63 lakhs respectively and with a stipulated period of 6 Month Calendar of events as below.

Calendar of Events (Tentative date): (a) Pre bid meeting at CE,ICZ Office, Munirabad Date & Time : **24-01-2022. at 11.00 am** (b) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **28-01-2022 up 5.00 pm** (c) The Last date of Submission of completed Tender Documents through e-portal : **28-01-2022 up 5.10 pm** (d) Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover –I) : **29-01-2022 at 05.10 pm** (e) The Financial bid of pre-qualified Contractor will be opened on (i.e., Cover II): **04-02-2022 at 11.00 am or after approval of Technical Bid** Tender will be open in this office, for any other clarification/details contact **www.e-proc.kar.nic.in** or under signed office during office hours **Contact No-08533-271361.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer KNNL No.2 Canal Division, Odderahatti Camp

DIPR/KOPPAL/487/2021-22/ DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

MANDYA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES MANDYA

(Autonomous Medical Institution, Government of Karnataka)

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION TWO COVER BID SYSTEM

Ref No: 1.MIMS/Sup(2)/Tab&Inj/E-tender/15/2021-22, Dated: 18.01.2022

2.MIMS/Sup(2)/Che&Dis/E-tender/16/2021-22, Dated: 18.01.2022

Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Mandya, invites E-tender for Supply of Tablets, Injections, Chemicals & Disposables items required for the followup departments of MIMS Mandya from the Manufacture/s or Authorized Dealers in two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-1999 and Rules thereunder. The approximate tender cost, EMD Amount, date of submission of e-tender and other dates can be obtained in e-procurement portal website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details and clarifications in this regard in office of the Director, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya may be contacted during working hours (Except General Holidays)

Sl No : **01**. Description : **Tablets & Injections.** Tender Approximate Amount : **Rs.499.00 Lakhs**. EMD Amount : **4.99 Lakhs**. Tender Start date : **20.01.2022.** Tender last date : **21.02.2022.**

Sl No : **02.** Description : **Chemicals & Disposables.** Tender Approximate Amount : **Rs.499.00 Lakhs**. EMD Amount : **4.99 Lakhs**. Tender Start date : **21.01.2022.** Tender last date : **24.02.2022.**

Sd/-Director, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya,

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ಸಂ: ಕಗೃಮಂ/ಉಪ್ರವ್ಯ(ಗ್ರಾಸೇ)/ಹಂಚಿಕೆ/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.01.2022

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಬುರ್ಗಿ ಕಂದಾಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವಿವಿಧ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ (ಸಿ.ಎ. ಸೈಟುಗಳು) ಹಂಚಿಕೆಗೆ

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ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಳ ಸಿ.ಎ. ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ, ದರ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.khb.karnataka.gov.com** ಗೆ ಲಾಗಿನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಪ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು(ಗ್ರಾಸೇ) ಹಾಗೂ ಕಂದಾಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಶಾಖೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರನ್ನು ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **080–22273511** ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ: **307/309/335/363** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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Union Bank of India

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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Shivalingappa, 95/4, Veerabhadra Temple Street, Behind Telephone Exchange, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore - 560077. **Co-Obligant / Mortgager / Guarantor : 1. C. Vanaja,** 95/4, Veerabhadra Temple Street, Behind Telephone Exchange, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore - 560077.

Account No.: Housing Loan - 145230100003420 Limit Amount : Rs.9,00,000/- Amount Outstanding : as on 08.10.2021, Rs.3,17,437/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven only)

NPA Date : 08.10.2021 Demand Date : 08.11.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : Property No.89/95/4, Khata No.237, Veerabhadra Swamy Temple Street, Behind Telephone Exchange , Kothanur Village, Hennur Main Road, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore - 560077. Measuring Boundaries : East to West : 30.6 feet and North to South : (46+41)/2 feets,East : Eshwarappa's Property, West by : Own Property, North : Private Property, South : Road.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mrs. Deepika J D/o D Jagannatha, **2. Mr. D Jagannatha** S/o D Jagannatha, Both are Residing at : # 235, Devanahalli Road, Chavadi Beedi, Jala Hobli, Begalur, Bagalore North, Bangalore - 562149.

Account No.: ELGEN Loan - 145230100028881 Limit Amount : Rs.8,00,000/- Amount Outstanding : as on 12.01.2022, Rs.8,34,672/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Two Only)

NPA Date : 13.11.2021 Demand Date : 12.01.2022

Description of the Secured Assets : 1. Mortgage Property bearing Residential Building Khaneshumari No. 165/165, Situated at Baglur Village, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded on the : East by : Property belonging to Sri. Jakkuru Muniyappa, West by : Property belonging to Smt. Byramma, North by : Road and vacant Space, South by : Property belonging to Sri. B.S. Ramaswamy and Back Yard bearing same number, Admeasuring East and West : 20 and North to South : 30 feet, along with a Residential building of same Measurement.

2. Mortgage Property bearing Residential Building Khaneshumari No. 165/165, Situated at Baglur Village, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded on the : East by : Property belonging to Sri. B.S. Ramaswamy, West by : Property belonging to Smt.Jakkuru Muniyappa, North by : Property belonging to Smt. Byramma and Property of Sri. D Jagannatha with Same Number, South by : Property belonging to Sri. Karagada Sonnappa, Bearing Same Number, Admeasuring East to West : 20 and North to South 25 feet, along with a Residential building of same Measurement.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 21.01.2022 Place : Bangalore — Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India

LOST

I, **M. NAGARAJ,** S/o, Late. B.M.Rao, aged about 49 years, Residing at, No.568, Srinivasa Nilaya, Near KPTCL Office & Quarters, Off. Sarjapura Raod, Attibele, Bengaluru-562107 have LOST the Original Sale Deeds Registered at Anekal Sub-Registrar Office, bearing **Document No.585/1985-86, Dated:06-08-1985, Document No.1471/1989-90, Dated:02-11-1989, & Document No. 1967/1992-93, Dated:23-10-1992.** A Complaint has been Lodged in this regard bearing **GSC No.PO1332220600023,** Dated:17-01-2022. Finders may kindly return the Documents to the nearest Police Station.

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(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).

No./KNNL/HBC/PB/TND/SCADA/2021-22/ 3135 Date: 19.01.2022

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On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division Athani, invites tender for the Above mentioned work.

The two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed. The bidders are requested to submit their bids in Two cover system. The first cover (Technical Bid) should contain the documents as mentioned tender notification.The second cover shall contain the financial bid. The cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first thereafter cover-II (financial bid)

The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 482.13 Lakhs SL No:1:Calendar of Events:The contractor can request for e-tendering documents,Dates:From 21.01.2022 @ 11.30 AM to 21.02.2022. upto 4.00 PM,SL No:2:Calendar of Events:Last date & time for tender queries,Dates:28.01.2022 at 11.30 am, SL No:3:Calendar of Events:Pre bid meeting, Dates: 31.01.2022 at 11.30 AM. Through online,SL No:4:Calendar of Events: Submission of completed e-tendering document, Dates:From 21.01.2022 @ 11.30 AM to 21.02.2022. upto 4.00 PM,SL No:5:Calendar of Events: Opening of Technical Bid,Dates:22.02.2022. @ 4.30 PM,SL No:6:Calendar of Events:Opening of Financial Bid, Dates:25.03.2022 @ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

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On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar invites Tenders under SCP/TSP from the eligible Tenderers, for the WORK INDENT: KPWD/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT145151, 145364 & KPWD/2021-22/ BD/WORK_INDENT144945 Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 23.07 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 62.49 Lakhs.

Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Tenders should be submitted on or before: 04.02.2022 up to 16.00 hours. Further any other information can be seen from the above portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar

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क्र. सं. / Sl. No.	सिविल कार्यों के नाम / NAME OF THE CIVIL WORKS	प्राक्कलित लागत / Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि / Period of completion	ईएमडी / EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-95/एमआई/सीपीएच-47/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-95/MI/CPH-47/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के प्रेक्षागृह और अतिथि गृह के सामने प्रस्तावित लैंडस्केपिंग के चारों ओर बाड़ लगाना। **Providing fencing around the proposed landscaping in front of Auditorium & Guest house at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	24.38	04 (चार महीने / Four months)	48,800
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-98/एमआई/सीपीएच-50/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-98/MI/CPH-50/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के पीटीएस परीक्षण स्टैंड छत (32.50 मीटर ऊंचाई) की क्षतिग्रस्त छत शीट को गैलवेल्यूम शीट से बदलना। **Replacement of damaged roof sheets with Galvalume sheet at PTS Test stand Roof (32.50 m height) at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	5.17	02 (दो महीने / Two months)	10,400
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-102/एमआई/सीपीएच-53/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-102/MI/CPH-53/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के 110 के.वी. सबस्टेशन के चारों ओर विकास कार्य। [उप शीर्ष: आर.आर.मेसनरी प्रतिधारक दीवार तथा वृष्टि जल नाली का निर्माण।] **Development works around 110 kV Substation IPRC, Mahendragiri. [Sub Head: Construction of RR masonry retaining wall and Storm water drains.]**	14.50	04 (चार महीने / Four months)	29,000
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-106/एमआई/सीपीएच-54/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-106/MI/CPH-54/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सी.टी.पी.टी. के लिए द्रव ऑक्सीजन तथा द्रव हाइड्रोजन पाइपलाइनों हेतु पेडेस्टलों का निर्माण। **Construction of Pedestals for LOX & LH2 pipe lines for CTPT at IPRC, Mahendragiri**	20.71	04 (चार महीने / Four months)	41,500

ऑनलाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि : Dates for Online Request : From **21-01-2022 [10:00 बजे/hours]** से To: **31-01-2022 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

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EDITORIAL

"Just that you do the right thing. The rest doesn't matter. ... Cold or warm. Tired or well-rested.Despised or honoured. Dying ... or busy with other assignments

Marcus Aurelius

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— Ramnath Goenka

GLOBAL OIL PRICES SHOOT UP, CENTRE COULD FEEL THE PINCH

Global crude oil prices are once again reaching a level that could twist the knife on government finances. Early this week, Brent crude prices breached $87 per barrel—touching the highest point since 2014. Forecasters estimate prices to crack $100 per barrel during the current quarter and even though similar predictions were made in the past seven years, there were no nasty surprises. Yet, the current projections are chilling given the precarious economic recovery and persistent inflation. The latest spike, driven by an outage on a pipeline from Iraq to Turkey, shows growing unrest in the oil-producing West Asian belt and adds to an already tightening supply conditions. This made markets freeze citing inflationary pressures and anticipated rate hikes.

The volatile, imperfect and transitory nature of oil prices is well known, yet the current rally calls for additional vigil from both the government and RBI. Any further increase from the current level of oil prices will strain the fiscal deficit as the Centre's hands are tied due to Assembly polls in seven states. It will be forced to absorb the price shock. As it is, petrol and diesel prices remained unchanged since December, though crude prices shot up 24% from $70.56 to $87.51. In contrast, expectations are running high that the Union finance minister could use the upcoming Budget to further reduce fuel taxes and grease the wheels of the economy.

So far, oil taxes lent a helping hand filling up the coffers. For instance, even when global crude prices fell, the government cashed in with tax hikes and as a result, net oil revenues (taxes minus subsidy) accounted for 28% of total tax collections in FY21, up from 18% in FY19. If global prices cool off, a thankful government may well reduce duties without affecting its revenue math and ease the inflationary burden on households. But any further rise from the current level could be disastrous for the economy and will put pressure on inflation, current account deficit, bond yields and exchange rate, which in turn will force the central bank to raise rates prematurely.

CPM SHOULD RECTIFY KODIYERI'S FOLLY

Earlier this week, when the CPM boss in Kerala Kodiyeri Balakrishnan said the Congress in the state has sidelined its minority leaders, even party insiders viewed it as a slip of tongue. But he repeated the allegation the next day and expanded it to the national level by asking why Ghulam Nabi Azad and Salman Khurshid have been sidelined by the Congress. Far from being a *lapsus linguae*, Kodiyeri's blatantly communal statement now seemed like a canny political strategy ahead of the party's crucial state conference scheduled in Kochi next month. And it should be viewed in the backdrop of Kerala's mixed demography where minority communities form 45% of the population. Though CPM enjoys considerable support among the minorities and won the 2016 and 2021 Assembly elections with the overwhelming backing of Christian and Muslim voters, only 10% of its 5.2 lakh members are from minority communities. Kerala's minorities had traditionally aligned with the Congress-led UDF where the presence of Kerala Congress factions and Muslim League provided them additional representation in power. The suggestion that the Congress has drifted away from minorities is a ploy to permanently attract its traditional vote base to the Left camp. Kodiyeri, who is eying another term as CPM state secretary, must have felt the triennial party conference season is the ideal occasion for a move that could earn him additional brownie points for expanding the party's voter base.

Not too long ago, when Oommen Chandy was the chief minister, Kodiyeri had accused the then ruling UDF of being led by a caucus of the then CM and Muslim League leader P K Kunhalikutty—a veiled allegation that majority Hindus didn't have any role in governance. He now seems to have taken an opportunistic U-turn. Ironically, the CPM is yet to make a minority leader either the state secretary or the chief minister. The CPM-led government has made Kerala's development its guiding motto. Triggering communal passions will only undermine the progressive politics that the party preaches. As a society that takes pride in its secular credentials, the people of Kerala will easily see through the agenda. If the party secretary doesn't understand this, other senior leaders should intervene and convince him about the folly.

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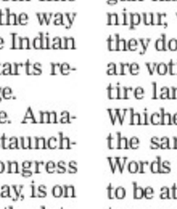

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

A quick thought experiment. Apply the rules of the market to Indian elections. As the voter, you are the buyer, the consumer. The commodities on offer come to you like two or more brands competing for your attention, essentially the same cola in different bottles. Now, this is a dangerously reductive, even blasphemous model to apply to a democracy's primary mode of renewing itself. But you can be almost persuaded to it if you take into account the granular detail. As we said, test it out logically.

What is the smallest unit of produce that moves in the political supermarket? The candidate, of course. Candidates are the single, smallest, further indivisible items of purchase. Before they advertise their charms to the voter, they are already items of transaction on the producers' market. Political parties acquire them like so many scrips. Look at the way they float around, and the Indian political party system starts resembling a stock exchange.

Consider the evidence. Amarinder Singh, one of the staunchest, longest-standing Congress strongmen till the other day, is on the BJP side. The son of the late Manohar Parrikar, a much-loved BJP icon in his day, is ditched by the party. They won't give him his father's old seat, Panaji, because they need to humour Babush Monserrate, one of his father's bitterest foes. Why? Because Babush is the one who came to the BJP from the Congress with a bagful of MLAs—enough to help them stay in power, comfortably. (Rationalising this with excellent anti-dynastic logic was Vishwajit Rane, son of former Congress CM Pratapsingh Rane, and Devendra Fadnavis, the son of an MLC.)

In Uttarakhand, a whole drove of former Congressmen who partook of the fish and loaves of office as BJP ministers are now preparing to fold up their tents and return—like seasonal migrants in the old economy of transhumance. In UP, a set of BJP leaders from EBC communities have discovered Lohiaite socialism in the nick of time. And the poster girl of Priyanka Gandhi's '*Ladki Hoon Lad Sakti Hoon*' slogan has gone saffron. As for Manipur, voters can't be blamed if they don't know who or what they are voting for: like in Goa, the entire landscape changed colours. Whichever party wins, it's always the same cola, in a new bottle. Words like ideology would seem to be at risk of dissolving into utter meaninglessness.

But even if it is on these marshlands that the grander themes of politics are sown, ideologies have their own realm of value. Who wins, which parties comes to power, these things matter to the voter for a variety of material and symbolic reasons. Governments of this colour or that carry a real political meaning, whose effect is felt in ordinary lives.

Like feminism or forms of epidemic, ideologies can come in waves. Hindutva can be said to be at the beginning of its third phase. How the Yogi Adityanath dispensation fares in the upcoming elections will determine its future product evolution. Mandal, likewise, is attaining a newer, deeper level. Akhilesh Yadav, the son of a Mandal messiah, is seeking to propel himself on precisely that, broadening the base of social empowerment politics to embrace a variety of non-Yadav OBCs and EBCs.

But even this deepening seems to be limited by the imagination, hampered by a political animus that has defined the 'social justice' side of UP politics for three decades. This is the enduring rupture between the Samajwadi Party and Mayawati's BSP—or, on the ground, between the communities they represent. The two have been bitter rivals almost all through after one brief coalition in the early '90s—the unsuccessful *mahagathbandhan* experiment circa 2019 being the only counterpoint.

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The failed negotiations between Akhilesh and Bhim Army's Chandrashekar Aazad carries traces of that uneasy interface between Neo-Mandalites and Dalit communities: the future of a viable 'Bahujan' politics is at stake there. From all indications, with the BJP stung by the farm protests in its decade-long stronghold of western Uttar Pradesh, the theatre of action will move to Purvanchal. The complex interplay between voters from the various Dalit subcastes, small OBC groups and EBCs will be crucial. Can Yogi lure non-Jatav Dalits and non-Yadav OBCs? Will Mayawati hold on to her flock? Can Akhilesh wean them away? In this flux, the ambitions of individual candidates putting themselves up on the producers' market can decide the future of Hindutva, Mandal and Dalit politics.

Hindutva has a curious challenge in Uttarakhand—enfeebled as it is by factionalism, charges of corruption in flood relief funds and perceived overreach into both conservative Hindu and ultra-Hindu camps (think of the now-withdrawn Char Dham Bill that would have given the state control over some of India's most sacred temples, and the arrests after the Haridwar genocide calls). If it endures, it will be because of good old fratricides on the Congress side, not to speak of reverse defections.

Punjab mirrors Uttar Pradesh to an extent in offering another fascinating tussle between religious and secular themes. Within the Sikh fold, there are *panthic* voters and old left-leaning blocs that helmed the farm protests. There's caste—Jat Sikhs, OBC Sikhs, trading caste Hindus, and India's largest Dalit population in a single state at 32% (both Sikh and non-Sikh) with a new point of focus in CM Charanjit Channi. Voter inclinations will hinge on the pull of old and new parties (like the AAP), and of fickle candidates and leaders. (If Amarinder is pro-saffron now, heading the Congress is a combustible ex-BJP loudspeaker, Navjot Singh Sidhu.)

The people, of course, have nowhere to defect.

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LOVING AND LOATHING OF FOREIGN DONATIONS

KANDASWAMI SUBRAMANIAN

Served in the Ministry of Finance, GOI, and retired as Joint Secretary

We love to receive funds from abroad. We are proud when India's FDI inflows exceed China's. We are happy to receive billions of dollars as NRI remittances. In the same breath, when civil society organisations (NGOs) receive donations from abroad, we loathe them, view them with suspicion and even ban them. Why is there such a dichotomy in our perceptions? For sure, the reasons are political or, rather, ideological, and not due to economics. A study of the policies pursued under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA) and how they morphed over the years may be instructive.

The FCRA had its roots in the pre-Emergency era when the country was passing through political and social turmoil. Indira Gandhi was under attack and felt politically insecure. These were also the Cold War years when foreign intelligence agencies like the CIA, KGB, MI-6, etc., were rumoured to be engaging in disruptive activities by covertly financing politicians, parties, journalists and academics. The IB had unearthed some instances of anti-national and disruptive character. Several reports of foreign "spying" made their way into the press and whipped up the xenophobia. The government swung into action. The Ford Foundation was directed to wind up its operations. Cultural centres attached to foreign missions were required to close down. Many like the British Council or Kennedy Centre chose to get integrated with their embassies. Behind all these convulsions, there emerged a national consensus to adopt legislation to regulate foreign contributions.

The FCRA Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 24 December 1973 and forwarded to the joint committee on 19 February 1974. The committee held 33 sittings at different places and took the views of all the political parties and state governments. The Bill was passed by both the Houses a few years later. This is in sharp contrast to how the BJP rushes sweeping changes through both the Houses without any discussion. As long as the UPA was in power, the FCRA operated benignly with a broad mandate of national security. Once the NDA (BJP) came to power, the contents of what constituted "national security" changed drastically. The FCRA turned into a draconian instrument to push forward the ideology of the ruling party. It was also an instrument to silence activists.

The government cancelled the licences of 20,000 NGOs. They were viewed by the Centre (home ministry?) as promoting anti-development negativism. Unfortunately, this is a charge that can be levelled against any genuine or well-meaning critic of the government's policies. As there is neither transparency nor accountability, the affected parties have no recourse to justice. A petition challenging this is pending in the Supreme Court. The government has argued that there is no fundamental right to receive foreign donations; the FCRA does not come under the Right to Information (RTI) Act as the home ministry has argued while answering a petition by a newspaper.

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I may add here that I was handling the FCRA matters in the finance ministry when the debate was going on. When the Cabinet Paper for introducing the Bill came to us, I G Patel, then secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, doubted whether foreign interference could be controlled through the FCRA. However, he minuted that neither the finance ministry nor the banks should be involved in its administration. Thus, it was entirely left to the home ministry.

Once the BJP assumed office, it seized the potential of the FCRA and how its scope could be extended, and the rules and reporting requirements were tightened. Often for routine delays or errors, licences were cancelled. If the MHA on inspection of accounts and records finds any adverse inputs, it can suspend the licence. The MHA's sway over NGOs reached its apogee with the passing of the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2020. It was unanimously passed by the Lok Sabha on 21 September 2020 and the Rajya Sabha a couple of days later.

It is a body blow to the NGOs functioning in India. The apex body of Indian voluntary organisations VANI said it will be a "death blow to the development relief, scientific research and community work of the NGO community as it prohibits collaboration with other Indian organisations". The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) condemned the adoption of the Bill. The ICJ's Policy Director Ian Seiderman said, "The spirit of the Bill is to stigmatise certain NGOs and lend credence to the authoritarian voices that have attacked them as 'anti-national'."

The BJP seems to have learnt from the bitter experience of the UPA government during its second term. Those years were rife with corruption or rumours of graft at high levels. The BJP highlighted this sordid record and assured the voters of a clean corruption-free government. It is quite likely that the government has been able to shut out all rumours. This has been through the ferocious enforcement of the FCRA. The corruption-free record has come with a tattered human rights reputation.

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No room for complacency

This is with reference to the report *Next 3 weeks critical for state, decision on more curbs today* (Jan 20). The highly contagious Omicron variant is sweeping across Kerala and it is imperative to halt this surge. Getting complacent due to the narrative that the clinical symptoms are "mild" and lowering the guard are imprudent as there are reports of increased hospitalisations and deaths in many countries, especially among the unvaccinated and medically vulnerable. Overwhelming of the health facilities can complicate the scenario and add on to the disease burden. Saving lives and livelihoods must be the mantra to be adopted by the government while increasing curbs to restrict the spread.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Meritocracy in judiciary

The author's point of view on establishing transparency for the making of a robust judiciary has been well expounded in the article *Revisiting the NJAC judgment for credibility* (Jan 20). While the judiciary delivers the judgments for cases related to quota in education, promotion of government jobs, etc., the appointment of judges is not based on meritocracy. This contradiction has to be eliminated by conducting competitive exams.

S Anantharaj Abraham, Chennai

Uphold the game's spirit

This is with reference to *Kohli has quit on his own terms* (Jan 20). I fully agree with the editorial. No doubt his success rate is higher than any other captain but that doesn't mean he can claim immunity or excuse for notable failures in the recent T20 World Cup and Test matches. In this regard, I think he really owes an explanation to not only his fans but also to the general cricket-loving public. As a reputed senior player, he should be a role model to others, instead he has been below par in Tests for the past few years. What I also wish to emphasise here is that the spirit of the game must be upheld irrespective of one's status. We are looking forward to many good games from Kohli and let us wish him best of luck.

H S Gopalakrishnacharya, email

Loss of face for SP

This is with reference to *Defection to BJP from Mulayam's Pariwar* (Jan 20). The entry of Aparna Yadav, Mulayam's daughter-in-law, into the BJP has more than counterbalanced the exit of five or more similar opportunists from the saffron party to the SP. This development has tremendous emotional connotation and is a loss of face for the SP chief Akhilesh Yadav in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh polls.

S Lakshmi, email

Safety concerns in Navy

The recent incident where three sailors died in the Indian Navy's frontline destroyer *INS Ranvir* adds another chapter to the tragedies at the Mumbai dockyard. If these incidents happen at regular intervals, it means that there are inherent safety concerns; whether it is maintenance glitches or policy failures needs to be looked into. The Indian Navy has a global reputation, but these mishaps paint a different picture. One gets the impression that things are not in order or the government is turning a blind eye to one of the three pillars of the defence services.

M S R Rao, Bengaluru

Wise decision by Congress

The Congress decision to refrain from announcing its CM candidate in Punjab, indicating that it would contest the polls under collective leadership, is a wise move. Any announcement would have only ruined any chance that the party had of returning to power in the state (*Cong unlikely to name CM face for Punjab polls*, Jan 20). With the former CM Amarinder Singh out of the fray, state Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu would have fancied his chances, sidelining the incumbent Channi. With the johnny-come-lately AAP breathing down its neck, the Congress has to stop the bickering and put up a show of unity.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Varun Gandhi @varungandhi80
Satistics show unemployment has grown in all poll-bound states. Instead of political populism, we need to urgently focus on incentivising job creation

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Unemployment is the defining issue of the economy: if people don't have jobs, all talk of FDI and growth percentages is meaningless

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
BJP MP from Arunachal informs the govt about PLA kidnapping a 17 year old boy from Indian territory. Let us see what our 56" PM has to say on this

Proposed IAS rule change draconian: Mamata

West Bengal CM urges PM to reconsider proposed amendment, says this will create insecurity among bureaucrats

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

RESPONDING to the Centre's proposal to amend the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954 — said to be aimed at transferring bureaucrats to Central deputation without the consent of the state governments — West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She said the amendment proposal is 'draconian' and 'against the foundations' of federal polity.

Mamata said the amendment will hang on the head of IAS officers like the Sword of Damocles and create 'fear psychosis' which is bound to impact their performance, efficiency and accountability to the state governments.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had earlier written to the states on three occasions and the last communication made on January 12 contained the revised proposed amendments.

"I find the revised amendment proposal more draconian than the former, and indeed its very grain is against the foundations of our great federal polity and the basic structure of India's Constitutional scheme," Mamata wrote. She urged Modi not to go ahead with the amendments which will reduce the 'steel-frame' of India to an entity functioning in fear, pressure and intimidation.

Retired bureaucrats felt the proposals might create insecurity among officers. "This may create opportunities for political leaders to remove or bring in people of their choice. For example, a state-level leader of a party which is in power at the Centre may use his influence to remove an officer,'' said a retired bureaucrat.

Another former IAS officer said, "At present, an officer can move the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in his or her state if officers are not ready to join the Central deputation. But the proposed amendments indicate he or she may have to move CAT Delhi to register his or her objection."

- One proposed change is, if the state government delays posting a state cadre official to the Centre and does not comply with the Centre's decision within a specified time, the officer shall stand released from the cadre. At present, officers have to get a 'no objection clearance' from state governments.
- Centre will decide the number of officers to be deputed to the Central government in consultation with the state and the latter should make available names of these officers. Now, states have to depute officers to the Central government and at any point, it cannot be more than 40% of the total strength of the state's cadre.
- In case of disagreement between Centre and state, matter shall be decided by the Centre and the state shall accept its decision within a specified time.
- In specific situations where services of cadre officers are required by the Centre in 'public interest', the state shall follow its decision.

It's going to leave them (officers) and all the state governments at the mercy of the Central government since the All India Services is the backbone of a state's administrative machinery. I find the revised amendment proposal draconian

Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

PM HAILS MARITIME SECURITY

India to undertake more development projects in Mauritius

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister **Narendra Modi** in a virtual interaction with his Mauritius counterpart Pravind Kumar Jugnauth on Thursday, hailed the completion of the India-led social housing project in the island nation. He said more such projects are in the pipeline.

"We are glad to be associated with this important effort to provide affordable houses to the common people of Mauritius. We are also initiating two other projects that are critical to nation-building. These include a state-of-the-art civil service college that will help in skilling government officers and a 8 megawatt solar PV farm project, which will help mitigate the climate challenges that Mauritius faces as an island country," Modi said.

"I am glad that our bilateral cooperation, including in maritime security, has translated this vision into action," the Indian Prime Minister said.

The agreement on small development projects exchanged on Thursday will deliver high-impact projects at the community level across Mauritius. In the coming days, India will also assist Mauritius in several important projects including a renal transplant unit, forensic science laboratory, national library and archives, a police academy and others.

During the last five years, India has been among the leading trading partners of Mauritius. In 2020, India contributed 10% of Mauritius total imports and ranked third among their countries of imports.

The value of exports from India to Mauritius was $1,027 million in 2018, $776 million in 2019 and $396 million in 2020. The value of Mauritian export to India was $24 million in 2019 and $32 million in 2020.

An agreement was reached on extending a $190 million line of credit from India to Mauritius for the metro project. Prime Minister Jugnauth announced that the major metro station in their country will be named after Mahatma Gandhi.

"India and Mauritius are united by history, ancestry, culture, language and the shared waters of the Indian Ocean. Today, our robust development partnership has emerged as a key pillar of our close ties," said Modi.

NHRC for law on regugees & asylum seekers

New Delhi: The National Human Rights Commission on Thursday called for a law to end adhocism and ambiguity in dealing with refugees and asylum seekers. The panel made the suggestion while discussing the protection of basic human rights of refugees and asylum seekers in India. Member of NHRC, Justice MM Kumar chaired an online event on the topic which was attended by NHRC chairperson Justice Arun Mishra, representatives of Union ministries of law, external affairs and home affairs, UN Human Rights Council, NHRC members and domain experts. NHRC said the the law would bring uniformity and legal sanctity to ensure protection and realisation of human rights of refugees and asylum seekers across the country and help them seek the benefits of other welfare measures of the government even while taking care of the national security.

A-I resumes US flights after Boeing's assurance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BRINGING cheers to air passengers, operations of Air India fights to the US were restored on Thursday. The airline said it has received a go-ahead from Boeing to operate its 777 aircraft to the US.

Air India said it has resumed six India-US flights on Boeing B777 after the plane manufacturer gave the clearance. The only Indian airline which flies to the US had cancelled eight flights on the routes on Wednesday due to rollout of 5G internet in North America which could interfere with the aircraft's radio altimeters.

"Flight operations to/from destinations in USA were affected during last two days. We would like to inform our passengers traveling to/from destinations in the USA that effective 0001hrs of 21st January 2022 normal flights operations will recommence to/from USA," said Air India.

US aviation regulator Federal Aviation Administration, in a fresh directive on Thursday, said radio altimeters fitted in certain types of aircraft, including B777, will not be affected by 5G services. Subsequently, an Air India spokesperson said arrangements to carry stranded passengers are being made. "The matter regarding B777 flying to the US is sorted," said the spokesperson.

Air India flights that resumed operations are Delhi-New York-Delhi, Delhi-Chicago-Delhi, Delhi-San Francisco-Delhi. American Airlines, United Airlines and Air India operate direct flights between India and the US.

Himanta, Sangma brief Shah on agreement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad Sangma on Thursday met Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** to discuss the way forward to amicably settle decades-old inter-state border issues.

On Wednesday, the two chief ministers had said that the Assam and Meghalaya governments had agreed to resolve the disputes and came to a consensus on the villages and identified natural boundaries such as rivers and forests.

"I along with HCM Meghalaya Sri @SangmaConrad met Adarniya Griha Mantri Sri @Amit-Shah ji in New Delhi. We apprised Hon HM on the outcomes of discussions held between Assam & Meghalaya governments to resolve the border disputes amicably. We're grateful for his guidance," Sarma tweeted.

On Wednesday, Sangma had said that the home ministry is expected to finalise a "conclusion" but more or less the structure has been reached after a long-drawn exercise. Sangma had said that the boundary demarcation will be done after the due procedure in Parliament.

OVER TO JAN 24

SC to hear plea on FCRA licence denied to NGOs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has agreed to hear a petition challenging the Centre's decision against renewing the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licenses of around 6,000 non-profit organisations (NGOs).

The apex court will hear the matter on January 24 on a petition filed by Global Peace Initiative which urged the court to direct the Centre to exempt humanitarian organisations from the purview of FCRA, which is a mandatory requirement for NGOs to receive funds from abroad, till Covid-19 continues to be a notified disaster.

Calling it a violation of the rights of NGOs, the Global Peace Initiative's petition said: "Cancellation of the licenses of close to 6,000 NGOs at this point in time will hamper relief efforts and lead to denial of aid to citizens in need."

Registrations of 5,933 organisations lapsed early this month, for either the home ministry's refusal to sanction their applications, or for them not seeking renewal. The licence renewal application of Missionaries of Charity was initially rejected by the Centre citing adverse inputs and the petitioners said that adverse inputs cannot be the reason for refusing or not renewing FCRA licences.

On the Mother Teresa-founded Missionaries of Charities, the home ministry had said that its renewal application was rejected for failing to meet eligibility conditions. However, it was added to the list of 1,030 NGOs eligible to receive foreign funding in West Bengal afterwards.

"In the absence of such renewed and relatively more onerous registration licenses, the NGOs have been prohibited from receiving and/or utilising foreign contributions. The foreign contributions, in fact, are generally of vital importance for the smooth operations of such organisations. Any prohibition on receiving and/or utilising such foreign contributions severely and unfairly impacts the financial viability of running such organisations, and is violative of fundamental rights of such organisations," the petition said.

Fourth arrest in Bulli Bai hate app case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

MUMBAI police made their fourth arrest in connection with the Bulli Bai app case on Thursday. The app was used by right-wing extremists to demean and 'auction' Muslim women. The accused, Neeraj Singh, was arrested from Odisha by Mumbai police's cyber cell. Singh is an MBA.

A 19-year-old woman and an engineering student from Bengaluru were among the three arrested by the Mumbai police earlier this month. Delhi Police, which is also investigating the case, has also made arrests. Neeraj Bishnoi, the 'Bulli Bai' app creator, was arrested by its Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations unit team from Assam.

The Mumbai police registered an FIR in the case following complaints made by several women, who were targeted by the 'Bulli Bai' app. The app made public details of Muslim women, allowing users to participate in their 'auction'.

The Bulli Bai app (blocked by GitHub) is the second case of this kind of harassment and cyber-bullying targeting minority women.

52% GOT FIRST DOSE IN 15-18 AGE GROUP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Union government will expand the vaccination drive to children below 15 years after getting scientific data, said Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Thursday. It was also learnt that about 52% of children aged between 15 and 18 have already received the first dose. Vaccination for this age group started in India a fortnight ago.

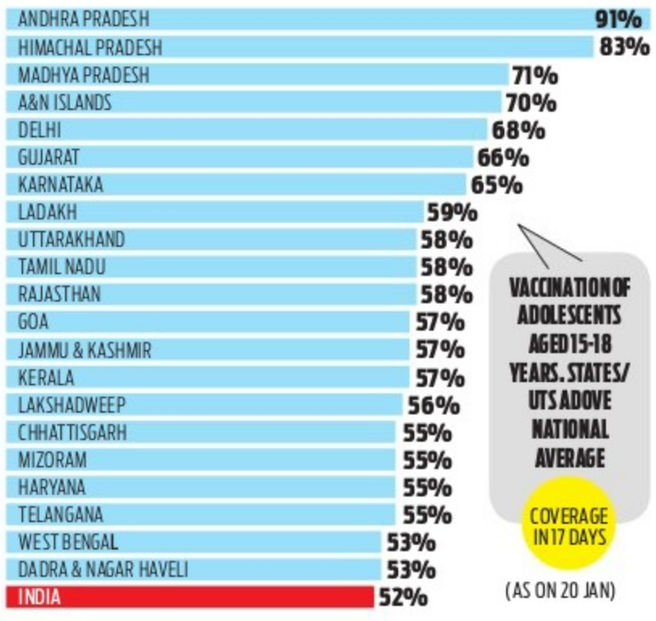
"As scientific evidence evolves, we will be expanding the coverage of vaccination. We will decide based on scientific data," said Bhushan at a press briefing. Around 3.84 crore first doses had been administered till Thursday to children in the age group of 15-18 years.

Sharing statistics, Bhushan said that among the states that have done well in jabbing kids include Andhra Pradesh (91%), Himachal Pradesh (83%), Madhya Pradesh (71%), Andaman and Nicobar (70%) Delhi (68%) Gujarat (66%) and Karnataka (65%).

Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan have vaccinated 58% of their teenage population. Three states — Goa, Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala — have jabbed 57% of their teens. These states are followed by Lakshadweep (56%).

Asserting that vaccines have remained beneficial in India as deaths have considerably reduced in the third surge of the virus, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) head Dr Balram Bhargava said, "In this third surge of COVID, we are currently not witnessing severe illness and deaths due to high vaccination uptake. This shows that vaccines save."

To make vaccines more accessible, the Drugs Controller General of India's subject expert committee has recommended regular market approval to Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech for their vaccines Covishield and Covaxin.



MAHA SCHOOLS TO REOPEN ON MONDAY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

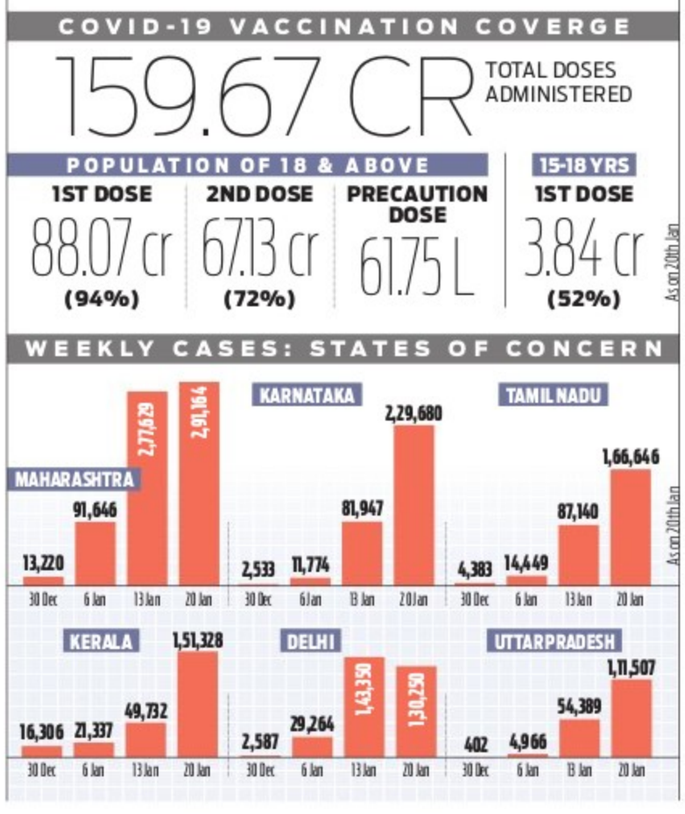
PRE-PRIMARY and primary schools in Maharashtra will reopen on Monday, following Covid-19 protocols.

Maharashtra School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad said schools will reopen for pre-primary to Class XII. "The government has prepared guidelines that have to be followed by all schools which are going to reopen on Monday. We have given permission to reopen but as per the ground situation depending on any surge or decline in numbers, local authorities can take a final decision," said Gaikwad said.

"We had a meeting with the task force and the parent-teacher association. All were of the opinion that schools should restart. We sent the file to CM Uddhav Thackeray and he approved it," Gaikwad added.

After the Maharashtra government's decision of allowing schools to reopen, Higher and Technical Educations Minister Uday Samant said he has also submitted a proposal to Chief Minister Thackeray seeking permission to reopen colleges and universities. He said he is waiting for Thackeray's approval.

The BMC has issued a circular based on the Maharashtra government's permission to reopen schools in Mumbai by following all Covid-19 guidelines.


COVID-19 VACCINATION COVERGE
159.67 CR TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED
POPULATION OF 18 & ABOVE
1ST DOSE 88.07 cr (94%)
2ND DOSE 67.13 cr (72%)
PRECAUTION DOSE 61.75 L
15-18 YRS
1ST DOSE 3.84 cr (52%)
As on 20th Jan
WEEKLY CASES: STATES OF CONCERN
MAHARASHTRA 13,220 91,646 2,77,629 2,91,164
KARNATAKA 2,533 11,774 81,947 2,29,680
TAMIL NADU 4,383 14,449 87,140 1,66,646
KERALA 16,306 21,337 49,732 1,51,328
DELHI 2,587 29,264 1,43,390 1,30,250
UTTAR PRADESH 402 4,966 54,389 1,11,507
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As on 20th Jan

TOURISM BOOST

Revamp of Incredible India digital platforms on the cards

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE ministry of tourism is planning to convert its Incredible India digital platforms — website and mobile application — into a 'one-stop digital shop', through which tourists will be able to make reservations for their journey besides scouting destinations and planning.

Transformation is part of major revamp and redesigning efforts planned by the government are aimed at developing the platform into one of the top tourism portals in the world. The all-new portal will offer integrated information and services from various states and stakeholders, from the hospitality and tourism sectors.

According to officials, to prepare a roadmap for the redevelopment of Incredible India digital platform, the ministry has had extensive deliberations

and has studied various best practices and international portals in the US, Australia, Switzerland, Japan, Dubai, Singapore and Scotland, which are considered to be the best.

The portal was launched in 2018 to showcase and promote India as a holistic destination and its culture, spirituality, heritage, yoga and wellness to attract international tourists.

"Idea is to make Incredible India platform a focal point for information, experiences and services for tourists from all over the world; enhancing visitor satisfaction and building perception of India as a destination," said an official.

Additional services proposed on the updated version of Incredible India website are trip planner, weather information, currency converter and visa related information services. It will also provide flights and hotel bookings with attractive offers. The official said that the ministry would soon engage a systems integrator to operate and update the existing website and mobile app until the revamped portal and mobile service is rolled out for which a request for proposal (RFP) had been issued on Thursday. The ministry is also hiring an agency to draw up a brand strategy.

LEADER SENTENCED

A senior leader of the ruling National People's Party (NPP) in Meghalaya was sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in West Jaintia Hills district for murdering a 25-year-old man during a drunken brawl

3 WORKERS IN TEXTILE FACTORY FIRE AT BARDOLI (GUJ)

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	17	Mumbai	30	22
Bhopal	26	12	Panaji	29	21
Jaipur	20	12	Patna	22	9
Amritsar	15	11	Lucknow	20	13
Chennai	31	25	Port Blair	29	22
Kolkata	24	17	Imphal	20	5
Srinagar	7	0	Chandigarh	21	7

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

16 women in Cong list of 41 candidates for UP

Lucknow: The Congress on Thursday released its second list, comprising 41 candidates, for the Assembly elections in UP. The party has kept the promise of giving 40% tickets to women and it is evident in the second list as well. Of the total 41 candidates announced in the second list, 16 are women. The party has reposed faith in two women candidates – Monika Suryavanshi from Khair and Preeti Dhangar from Iglas. Moreover, the party has given ticket to nine Muslim candidates in the second list.

TMC 'dismayed' at Cong statement on Goa tie-up

New Delhi: The Trinamool Congress on Thursday came out with a strong rebuttal to senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's statement that there was no "concrete" offer but a mere "suggestion" for a pre-poll alliance made by the TMC to the Congress for the Goa election. Pavan K Varma, TMC national vice president, on Thursday termed it "far removed from truth". Varma said he was dismayed and disappointed upon hearing Chidambaram's statement on pre-poll alliance.

Cong complains to EC against Punjab ED raids

Chandigarh: Terming the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on the nephew of Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi as "politically motivated", the Congress on Thursday complained to the Election Commission, alleging that these raids were done with a view to defame the chief minister and the incumbent Congress government. In a memorandum to the Chief Election Commissioner, AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala urged the poll panel to take urgent action in this regard.

AAP's Punjab CM face to contest from Dhuri

Chandigarh: Forty-eight-year-old Bhagwant Singh Mann, the CM face of the AAP in Punjab, will contest from Dhuri seat in Sangrur district in the upcoming polls. Dhuri is part of the Sangrur parliamentary constituency from where Mann is the MP for the second time in a row. Mann was declared the CM face on January 18 by the party's national convenor Arvind Kejriwal. The AAP has named candidates for 112 of the 117 segments in the state. Dhuri is currently represented by Congress MLA Dalvir Singh Goldy.

BJP announces 59 candidates in Uttarakhand

Eager to retain power, the saffron party seems to have done extensive calculations while giving tickets

IN THE FRAY

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami (Khatima) | Party state president Madan Kaushik (Haridwar)

CABINET MINISTERS

- Dhan Singh Rawat (Srinagar)
- Subodh Uniyal (Narendra Nagar)
- Ganesh Joshi (Mussoorie)
- Swami Yatishwaranand (Haridwar Rural)
- Satpal Maharaj (Chaubattkhal)
- Bishan Singh Chuphal (Didihat)
- Rekha Arya (Someshwar)
- Banshidhar Bhagat (Kaladhungi)
- Arvind Pandey (Gadarpur)

10 sitting MLAs denied tickets

- Raghunath Chauhan (Deputy Speaker and MLA from Almora)
- Ritu Bhushan Khanduri (former CM Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri's daughter and sitting MLA from Yamkeshwar)
- Munni Devi (Tharali)
- Surendra Singh Negi (Karnparayag)
- Kunwar Pranav Singh Champion (Khanpur)
- Mukesh Koli (Pauri)
- Meena Gangola (Gangolihat)
- Balwant Bhauryal (Kapkot)
- Mahesh Negi (Dwarhat)
- Harbhajan Singh Cheema (Kashipur)

15 BRAHMINS — 25% VOTERS OF THE STATE ARE BRAHMINS

6 WOMEN CANDIDATES

- Savita Kapoor (Dehradun Cantt)
- Kuwarani Devyani (Khanpur)
- Renu Bisht (Yamkeshwar)
- Chandra Pant (Pithoragarh)
- Rekha Arya (Someshwar)
- **Sarita Arya** (Nainital)

4 spiritual leaders | **18** graduates

31 post-graduates

Several upper castes in, Khanduri's daughter out

No ticket to 10 sitting MLAs; no Muslim candidate in the first list

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE BJP on Thursday announced its first list of candidates, comprising 59 names, for the Uttarakhand Assembly election. The party has denied tickets to 10 sitting MLAs, including the daughter of former CM Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri, Ritu Bhushan Khanduri.

The list has a few new names including famous Bollywood singer Jubin Nautiyal's father, Ramsharan Nautiyal, who will be contesting from Chakrata.

The list was announced by Union minister and party election in-charge for Uttarakhand, Pralhad Joshi, in New Delhi.

"The list has been decided under the able leadership of honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah*ji*, party president JP Nadda and the parliamentary board of the party. The candidates for the remaining 11 seats will be named soon," said Joshi.

The remaining 11 seats include Doiwala of former CM Trivendra Singh Rawat and Kotdwar of ousted minister Harak Singh Rawat.

Balancing the caste equation, 19 Thakurs have been given tickets, including CM Dhami, to woo the 35% Thakur votes, while 15 Brahmins have been given tickets keeping in mind the 25% Brahmin voters in the state.

The party has also announced the candidates on all 14 reserved seats — 12 SC and two ST seats — in the 70-member Assembly. No Muslim candidate has been fielded by the party so far.

Yogesh Kumar, a political analyst based in Dehradun said, "The list seems to be the result of a rigorous process on many levels. Denial of tickets to 10 sitting MLAs shows the party is well aware of anti-incumbency. It remains to be seen if this goes down well with voters."

Meanwhile, after being denied tickets, many sitting MLAs have come out with allegations of "selling" the ticket by party leaders.

Akhilesh likely to fight from Mainpuri dist, not Azamgarh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE stage seems all set for an interesting and intense battle for Uttar Pradesh as Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, in all probability, is preparing to contest the upcoming Assembly election from his clan's stronghold constituency — Karhal — in Mainpuri.

Karhal, from where the SP chief seeks to make his electoral debut, happens to be just 5km away from his native village, Saifai. It is believed to be a safe seat for the Yadav scion as his father and SP patriarch, Mulayam Singh Yadav, is an MP from Mainpuri which has a dominant Yadav population.

While there has been no official confirmation from Akhilesh's side as yet, the party's senior leader and national spokesman Rajendra Chaudhury confirmed it to the media persons here on Thursday.

Notably, the pressure of joining the electoral battle had increased on the SP chief after the BJP announced the candidature of CM Yogi Adityanath from Gorakhpur Urban seat in the first list released on Saturday.

Even Akhilesh, on Wednesday, dropped hints of contesting from his bastion by saying that he would contest the upcoming election.

Karhal will go to polls in the third phase on February 20 while Adityanath's constituency will vote in sixth phase on March 3. At present, the SP chief is representing Azamgarh in Lok Sabha.

SAFFRON LIST READY IN GOA

34 Candidates named by BJP | **16** Of them not sitting MLAs

NOTABLE OMISSIONS

Former CM Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal

Ministers Deepak Pauskar & Neri Rodrigues

MLA Isidore Fernandes

CM Pramod Sawant to contest from Sanquelim

Deputy CM Manohar Ajgaonkar to contest from Margao

CANDIDATE COUPLES

MLA Atanasio (Babush) Monserrate & wife Jeniffer (IT minister)

Vishwajit Rane (health minister) & wife Divya Rane

Candidates not named for Cumbharjua, Bicholim, Curtorim, St Cruz, Calangute, Cortalim constituencies

ELECTION ON FEB 14

From the seat Utpal wanted to contest, we have a sitting MLA and it would not be fair to drop him. However, we have given him the option of contesting from two other seats and talks are progressing in that direction

Devendra Fadnavis, BJP's Goa poll in-charge

Goans feel sad that BJP has adopted use and throw policy even with Parrikar family. I have always respected Manohar Parrikarji. Utpalji is welcome to join and fight elections on AAP ticket

Arvind Kejriwal, AAP chief

BJP chooses Parrikar's rival over son Utpal, shocks Goa

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE BJP has decided to field a long-time political rival of former Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar, MLA Babush Monserrate from Panaji constituency, which was held by the former for about 25 years, before he died in 2019. Interestingly, the BJP ignored the Parrikar family, denying a ticket to son Utpal from Panaji, but allotted two tickets each to the Rane and Monserrate families.

Recalling the statement made by late Parrikar when his government (BJP) was brought down by Monseratte in 2005, a political analyst from Goa, Kishore Naik Gaonkar said, "As chief minister, Parrikar had withdrawn the Country and Town Planning (CTP) portfolio from Monseratte in 2005. The CTP is regarded as one of the plum portfolios in Goa. Later, an upset Monseratte, who was then minister in Parrikar's cabinet, herded some MLAs out of the BJP to bring down Parrikar's government."

After his government collapsed in 2005, Parrikar had stated that he would never include Monserrate in his government as long as he stayed CM of Goa, recalled Gaonkar. But eventually, when the Congress government came to power with the fall of Parrikar's government, Monseratte who had switched to the Congress, was allotted the same CTP portfolio, he added. "For several leaders and people in Goa, BJP's decision to field Monserrate from Panaji, a seat held by Parrikar, has come as a shock," adds Gaonkar.

Despite Utpal's insistence on a ticket from Panaji, the party preferred Monseratte, who switched to BJP along with nine other MLAs from Congress in 2019. Utpal had recently questioned the party's plan to field Monserrate, who allegedly has criminal antecedents, from a constituency (Panaji) represented by his late father.

Sources said the party offered Bicholim constituency to Utpal on Thursday, which he reportedly declined to contest from.

Besides fielding Health Minister Vishwajit Rane from Valpoi, the party announced a ticket to his wife Dr Divya, from Poriem assembly segment, which has been represented by her father-in-law Pratapsingh Rane (Congress), former chief minister, for the past 45 years. The BJP has been generous towards the Monserrate family, allotting tickets to both Monserrate and his wife Jennifer, also a cabinet minister, from Taleigao.

Whether Utpal would contest as an Independent or explore other options by following the party's diktat, remains to be seen. However, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut has declared open support to Utpal if he contests as an Independent from Panaji, and called upon all non-BJP parties not field candidates against him. AAP Chief Aravind Kejriwal has also welcomed Utpal, and offered him a party ticket.

For both the BJP and Congress, Calangute seat has turned into a prestige issue after the politically-influential Michael Lobo, sitting MLA from Calangute, quit the state cabinet recently and joined the Congress. The BJP is yet to announce candidates for Calangute, St Cruz, Bicholim, Cumbharjua, Cortalim and Curtorim constituencies. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant will contest from Sanquelim.

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	UTTAR PRADESH		MANIPUR		GOA		PUNJAB		UTTARAKHAND	
Fresh cases	17,776	18,554	358	335	3,936	3,390	7,849	7,968	4,402	4,818
Deaths	7	10	0	0	7	9	27	31	6	6
Positivity rate	7.7%	7.5%	14.3%	NA	38%	39%	18.94%	18.75%	11.85%	14.23%

It's 'Ravan' versus Yogi

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

FOLLOWING the candidature of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath from Gorakhpur Urban in the UP Assembly polls, Azad Samaj Party president and Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Aazad has decided to challenge the might of Adityanath, who is also the 'Mahapeethadheeshwar' of Gorakshnath Peeth, in his bastion.

After the alliance talks between Aazad, who is also known by the moniker 'Ravan', and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav failed last week, the Azad Samaj Party (ASP) has decided to go it alone in the UP election. On January 18, the ASP had released its first list of 33 candidates for the initial phases of polling, but did not disclose the seat from where Aazad would be in fray.

This is the second major election that the ASP is fighting since its inception two years ago. It had taken a distant third place when it contested Bulandshahr bypoll after the BJP and BSP in 2020. RLD and Congress candidates trailed behind the ASP candidate.

Despite having his clout in western UP, Aazad has been challenging the political bigwigs in their bastions. Ahead of the general elections in 2019, the Bhim Army chief had announced his intention to contest against PM Modi from Varanasi but later he withdrew his papers. Scheduled Castes comprise 20 per cent of the population in UP and play a key role swinging the polls.

Chandrashekhar Aazad addresses a press conference in Meerut on Thursday | PTI

Azad had hit the headlines during the anti-CAA protests for which he had garnered sizeable support from the Muslims. Belonging to the Jatav subcaste from which also comes BSP chief Mayawati, Azad, as political observers believe, is trying to fill the space created by Mayawati.

Uproar over auction of farmlands in Rajasthan

JAIPUR: BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday met Rajasthan's Dausa farmers whose lands have been auctioned by commercial banks over the non-payment of loans, while peasants led by BJP MP Kirodi Lal Meena protested against the action outside the chief minister's residence.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asked officials to stop the auction of agricultural land of farmers. Land attachment and auction is being undertaken by banks that are controlled by the Reserve Bank of India, he said, urging the Centre to waive farmers' loans. Notably, many instances of land auction notices being issued to farmers who have been unable to pay back their loans have come to the fore recently.

Tikait, who is the spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, met farmers in Ramgarh Pachwara in Dausa district whose lands were auctioned by banks after they failed to repay their loans.

Talking to reporters, Tikait said, "Why was the auction done? An investigation should be carried out against bank officials and a case registered. You cannot auction a farmer's entire land for a small loan. It was an illegal auction. The land mafia have their eyes on prime land." He claimed several farmers.

In a statement, Gehlot said the Rajasthan government has already waived loans taken by farmers from cooperative banks. He urged the central government to waive farmers' loans by reaching a one-time settlement with commercial banks and said the state government is ready to pay its share in this. *PTI*

Rahul, Priyanka to unveil manifesto for UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN order to woo youths ahead of the Assembly election in Uttar Pradesh, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will release a 'Youth Manifesto' that will talk about the party's plans to address unemployment, improve education, and about other schemes for the youngsters.

This comes after the grand old party released a women manifesto focusing on the issues of and opportunities for women in the state. Congress on Thursday released the second list for UP of 41 candidates, including 16 women. The party has announced to give 40% of seats to women candidates in the state.

"The youth have been denied opportunities and during the pandemic, many have lost jobs but the government has no plans to revive employment. The manifesto will talk about things that can be done to address — like unemployment allowance and employment guarantee," said party sources. The party is also expected to launch a campaign focusing on the key promises.

Fewer winged visitors at Soor Sarovar sanctuary

The news is not a delight for the bird lovers in the state as the Asian Waterbird Census -2022 at Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary in Agra has recorded less water bird diversity this year. The survey counted 2,861 birds belonging to 60 species at the Ramsar Site, including long-distance winter migratory birds. The figure included 28 resident species, 32 migratory species. Among them eight were IUCN Red-listed threatened species. In 2021, a total of 5,249 birds belonging to 70 bird species were found here. This included 33 resident species and 37 migratory water birds. Among them, 9 were IUCN Red-listed.

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Bone-chilling cold thanks to icy winds from hills

Snowfall in the hilly terrains of Uttarakhand has led to a bone-chilling cold wave sweeping across the plains of central Uttar Pradesh. Dry icy winds from snow-clad mountains of the Himalayan state are lashing the Uttar Pradesh capital, Lucknow, adding to the prevailing winter weather The whole week is expected to be in the grip of intense cold wave while the week-end will be on a wet note with predictions of showers on Friday and Saturday. The city residents are having a taste of the winter chill as a thick layer of fog has been shrouding the City of Nawabs. The visibility has fallen below 50 metres. The chilling cold remains throughout the day due to intense icy winds. Temperatures are hovering between 14 degrees Celsius and 6 degrees Celsius in Lucknow.

Three lakh devotees take dip at Sangam

The month of Magh as per the Hindu calendar is here and so has started the month-long Kalpwas in Prayagraj. The Magh Mela-2022, which began on Monday, witnessed over three lakh devotees taking holy dip at the Sangam on the occasion of Paush Purnima — the second major bathing day in the Sangam city of Prayagraj. Only fully vaccinated devotees are being allowed to camp for the Kalpwas. In the shadow of Covid-19 and strict vigil of authorities, there are fewer Kalpwasis this time but those present have braved the intense cold and the pandemic.

LU-UK university fine arts faculty to collaborate

To provide new opportunities for students in its Faculty of Fine Arts, the Lucknow University formalised a partnership with the Bath Spa University, UK, via a meeting held virtually on Monday. The meeting was attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof Alok Kumar Rai and Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, Prof Alok Kumar Kushwaha from the side of Lucknow University. On behalf of Bath Spa University, Daniel Allen, Roger Clarke and Kristin Doern were present. Prof Kushwaha introduced the Faculty of Fine Arts in context with its historical perspective and its contributions to contemporary Indian art. Both the institutions have agreed to speed up their ties.

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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER PRIVATE TREATY

E-auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, r/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** on 24.02.2022 for recovery of **Rs.16,28,496/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Only)** as on **04.12.2019** as per Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, with further interest from **05.12.2019** with monthly rest, charges and costs etc., (Total Outstanding being **Rs. 25,26,601/- as on 31.01.2022**) due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from **Mr. Manikrishna.M.C. (Borrower), Mrs. Shanthi (Co-Borrower)**. **The reserve price will be Rs. 24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.2,40,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.15 situated at Shetty Halli Village Property No.8, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk: North by: Road , South by: Shetty's Garden, East by: House belonging to Rathnamma, West by: House belonging to Sampangi. Measurement : East to West 30 feet North to South 40 feet total measuring 1200. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Dasanapura and Registration District of Bangalore.

For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com & https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.

Date : 21-01-2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer-
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

(SALE and LOSS OF DOCUMENTS)

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that our client(s) intend(s) to purchase the below-mentioned Schedule Property from **Sri. Muniraju S.** S/o. Late Sri. Shamanna M, who claims to be the absolute owner of the same, having derived title thereto under a Pallupatti dated 01-08-1994 executed between himself and his brothers - Sri. S. Gurulingappa and Sri. S. Gopalkrishna.

Any person(s) / institution(s) objecting to the proposed sale or asserting any manner of lawful right, title, interest or share over the Schedule Property or part thereof; is / are required to lodge their objections/claims preferably with photo-copies of documents based on which they object to the said sale or stake their claim, only by registered post with acknowledgement due, so as to reach at the below-mentioned address within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this publication, failing which our client(s) shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims of any nature thereon, and all claims even if existing, shall be deemed to have been waived off / abandoned. Any objections/claims received after the said period, or personal representation(s) or communication by any other mode shall not be entertained / considered under any circumstances.

Further, the abovesaid **Sri. Muniraju S.** has represented to our client(s) that except for the Pallupatti dated 01-08-1994, he has lost / misplaced all other title deeds and revenue records pertaining to the said property. Any person who is in possession / or finds the said original title deeds is required to intimate by registered post to the below-mentioned address immediately without fail. Finders shall be suitably rewarded for their efforts.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.166/1, PID No.46-5-166/1 situated at 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.46 (K.G. Nagar Ward), measuring:
EAST to WEST : 30 feet; NORTH to SOUTH: 33 feet
Totally measuring about **990 sq. feet;** and is bounded on the:
EAST by : Property belonging to Sri. S. Gopalkrishna and thereafter 7th Cross Road, Chamarajpet;
WEST by : Property belonging to Sri. Chennabasappa;
NORTH by : Conservancy Lane;
SOUTH by : Property belonging to Sri. S. Gopalkrishna.
[Alongwith a building thereon comprising of ground, first, second and third floors]

ABHAY KUMAR P. JAIN & V. RAMKUMAR, Advocates
LexJuris, No.202, PANCHARATHNA RACE-VIEW APARTMENTS
No.15/1, 6th Cross, Gandhinagar, BANGALORE- 560 009

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the General Public, that my client is **Mrs. Sandhya Ramanujam**, aged about 49 years, D/o. Mr. Venkatarama Ramanujam, R/a. 16757, Santanella Street, San Diego, California 92127, U.S.A.,having permanent address, A-1301, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, N.S. Palya, Bangalore-560 076, India. My Client had executed a Power of Attorney, dated 01/07/2019, which was notarized in Bangalore, on 02/07/2019,in favour of her husband, Mr. Kolar V. Mahesh aged about 53 years, bearing address, Flat A-1301, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghata Road, N.S.Palya, Bangalore-560076.My Client is a co-owner of the following immoveable properties, i.e.(1) Flat No. A 1301, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, N.S.Palya, Bangalore-560076 and (2) Flat Nos.3072& 3073, Prestige Nottinghill Bannerghatta Road, Kalena Agrahara, Bangalore-560 076. My Client is also an account Holder in several banks. (The aforesaid immovable and movable properties are referred to as the "Schedule Property").

The aforesaid Power of Attorney was given by my Client to her husband with respect to the "Schedule Property"as well as for Banking which includes Operation of Accounts, Signing of Cheques and Operation of a Locker; Money and Investment; Representations in government, banks and companies; and Companies including the formation of a Company, etc. My client no longer wishes to have her husband as her attorney, and she cancelled and revoked the aforesaid GPA dated 01/07/2019, which was notarized on 02/07/2019.By virtue of Revocation Deed notarized on 03.12.2021 the aforesaid GPA has been revoked and cancelled by my Client.

Hence, he is no more the attorney of my client. Public are hereby warned not to deal with the said person in any manner in respect of the 'Schedule Property' and other powers and authority granted in the revoked GPA. Despite this notice, anybody dealing with the said person in respect of the powers and authority granted in the revoked GPA, may be doing so at their own risk and peril.

Anita Abraham, Advocate
62/63, WeWork Pavilion, Church Street,
Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the immoveable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its owner, **Sri. B.C. BANERJI alias BARUN CHANDRA BANERJI,** aged 85 years, son of late Bhabesh Chandra Banerji, residing at No.543, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Near Indiranagar Club, H.A.L. 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 008, for a lawful and valid consideration.

Any person / Bank / Society / Firm / Company / Institutions / Trust / Government Authorities / Organizations / Board or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned Schedule property, may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the undersigned within **15 (FIFTEEN) DAYS** from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of residential property bearing No.543, PID No.74-1-543, measuring east to west 59 feet, north to south 40 feet, in all measuring 2360 Square feet, situated at H.A.L. 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 008, and bounded on the **East by:** Site No.549; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Site No.542; **South by:** Site No.544.

G.S. Srinivas & L. Mahesh,
AJS Advocates,
8, II Main, 9th Cross,Indiranagar I Stage, Bengaluru-560 038.
Mob: 9845163155 Date: 20-01-2022

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.62,06,981/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One Only)** as on **10-02-2021** together with further interest to be charged from **11-02-2021** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Syed Ali, S/o. Syed Ibrahim, No.36, Jamiya Masjid Road, Soladevanahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore - 90. No.2) Mrs. Sabiha Khanam, W/o. Syed Ali, No.36, Jamiya Masjid Road, Soladevanahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore - 90. No.3) Mr. Imran Khan, S/o. Sardar, No.269, GO Compound, Belathur, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560 067.**

Note : That our **512-R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080059454)** dated **30-12-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.5,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.5%**. The same has been also classified as NPA on **12-02-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **10-02-2021** is **Rs. 5,91,757/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **11-02-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Syed Ali, S/o. Syed Ibrahim)

Schedule - A Property : All the piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy No.138/3, situated at site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1 in Sy No.138/3, situated at Savaboumanagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 120 feet, North to South 80 feet, Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.feet. Boundaries : East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Private Property, North by : 30 feet Road, South by : 30 feet Road.

Schedule - B Property : An undivided 236 Sq.feet share in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property.

Schedule - C Property : All the piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.G-8 in the Ground Floor in the residential apartment known as NEHA LEGEND, to be constructed on the Schedule A property, consisting of living, dining and three bedrooms, having super built-up-area of 1,220 Sq.feet equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and other facilities with car parking space in the Stilt Floor.

Reserve Price: Rs.38,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-02-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 19-01-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287**, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

I, the undersigned as the authorized officer of M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD, hereby give the following notice to the below mentioned Borrower (S) / Co- Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) who have grossly failed to discharge their legal liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of the amount i.e. principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Loan (S) Against Property (S)advanced to them by M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD and as a consequence there-of, the Loan (S) have become Non-Performing Assets (N.P.A's) of the company. Accordingly, Notice (S) dated - 21.12.2021 and 11.01.2022 were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last Known addresses through India Post on 22.12.2021 and 12.01.2022, however the same have been returned un-served and it is apprehended that the parties mentioned here-in are avoiding the service of the same, as such the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) named bellow are hereby intimated by way of this publication notice to clear their entire outstanding dues for the loanfacilities availed and also for which securities have been created by them as detailed under:

c	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address	Description of the Schedule Property	Notice Date & Amount (S) Demanded
	Borrower) 1. Mr/Mrs S BHAVANA NO. 207, 2ND H CROSS, KAMMANAHALLI MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE NORTH, ST THOMAS TOWN, BENGALURU - 560084. 2. Mr/Mrs S BHAVANA D/O Mr SRINIVASAN, NO 296, 16TH CROSS, 7TH MAIN ROAD, WARD NO 35, NEAR SADASHIVA NAGAR CLUB, SADASHIVA NAGAR, BANGALORE - 560080 3. Mr/Mrs S BHAVANA D/O Mr SRINIVASAN, NO 315, 14TH CROSS, 7TH MAIN ROAD, WARD NO 35, NEAR SADASHIVA NAGAR CLUB, OPP TO GANESHA TEMPLE, SADASHIVA NAGAR, BANGALORE - 560080 4. Mr/Mrs S BHAVANA FLAT NO. B- 101, B- 201, B- 204, 'B' – BLOCK, 'VAISHNAVI MANDARA' APTS, YESHWNATHPURA INDUSTRIAL SUBURB, BENGALURU - 560022 (Co-Borrower) 5. Mr/Mrs SANTOSH KUMAR G NO. 207, 2ND H CROSS, KAMMANAHALLI MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE NORTH, ST THOMAS TOWN, BENGALURU - 560084 (Co-Borrower) 6. Mr/Mrs LALITHA RAJ NO. 207, 2ND H CROSS, KAMMANAHALLI MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE NORTH, ST THOMAS TOWN, BENGALURU - 560084	Property No.1:- All that piece and parcel of Flat No. B-201, on B Block, on Second Floor, having 1940 sqft SBA along with 647.96Sq ft along with one covered car parking in Stilt/ Basement Floor in building known as "VAISHNAVI MANDARA" in Municipal No.46 PID No.11-59-46, Industrial Suburb, 3rd cross, 2nd Stage Yeshwanthapura, Land use from Industrial to non-agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No. ULC/279/2012-13/941/2013-14, BMP Ward No.11 Bangalore-560022 (land measuring East to West: 132 Feet and North to South: 330 Feet) Presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded On:- East by : Property No.47 West by : Property No.45 North by : 3rd Cross Road South by : Property No.51. Property No. 2:- All that piece and parcel of Flat N.B-204, on B Block, on Second Floor, having 1415 Sqft SBA along with 472.61Sq ft along with one covered car parking in Stilt/ Basement Floor in building known as "VAISHNAVI MANDARA" in Municipal No.46 PID No.11-59-46, Industrial Suburb, 3rd cross, 2nd Stage Yeshawanthapura, Land use from Industrial to non agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No. ULC/279/2012-13/941/2013-14, BMP Ward No. 11 Bangalore-560022 (land measuring East to West: 132 Feet and North to South: 330 Feet) Presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded On:- East by : Property No.47 West by : Property No.45 North by : 3rd Cross Road South by : Property No.51. Property No.3:- All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Flat No. B-101 on B Block, on First Floor, having 1940sqft, along with 647.96sqft of undivided share in building known as "VAISHNAVI MANDARA" in Municipal No.46 PID No.11-59-46, Industrial Suburb, 3rd cross, 2nd Stage Yeshwanthapura, Land use from Industrial to non agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No. ULC/279/2012-13/941/2013-14, BMP Ward No.11 Bangalore-560022 (land measuring East to West: 132 Feet and North to South: 330 Feet) Presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded On:- East by : Property No.47 West by : Property No.45 North by : 3rd Cross Road South by : Property No.51.	21 Dec 2021 ₹ 2,07,50,113/- (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Only) & ₹ 22,58,858/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Only) Total amounting to ₹ 2,30,08,971/- Loan account no - LSBGL02918-190002839 & LSBGL13920-210004768
	(Borrower) 1. Mr/Mrs.MALLESH R NO 168, NAGARABHAVI MAIN ROAD, MADHURA NAGARA, NEAR MONICA NURSING HOME, BENGALURU – 560072 2. Mr/Mrs. MALLESH R 1ST FLOOR, NO 751, LAXMAN BUILDING, CHICKPET, OPP BYRAPPA SILKS, BENGALURU – 560053 3. Mr/Mrs. MALLESH R NO 35, HONNAPPA LAYOUT, MALLATHAHALLI, NEAR HONNADEVI, NEAR RAJIV GANDHI MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, MALDEPARTMENTAL STORES, BENGALURU URBAN (Co-Borrower) 4. Mr/Mrs.CHAITRA NO 168, NAGARABHAVI MAIN ROAD, MADHURA NAGARA, NEAR MONICA NURSING HOME, BENGALURU-560072 5. Mr/Mrs. CHAITRA 1ST FLOOR, NO 751, LAXMAN BUILDING, CHICKPET, OPP BYRAPPA SILKS, BENGALURU – 560053 6. Mr/Mrs. CHAITRA NO 35, HONNAPPA LAYOUT, MALLATHAHALLI, NEAR HONNADEVI, NEAR RAJIV GANDHI MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, MALDEPARTMENTAL STORES, BENGALURU URBAN (Co-Borrower) 7. M/S.SRI MANJUNATHA SILKS AND SAREES 1ST FLOOR, NO 751, LAXMAN BUILDING, CHICKPET, OPP BYRAPPA SILKS, BENGALURU – 560053	All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Site No.35, Assessment No.3/8, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on: East by : Site.No.36 West by : 30ft., Wide Road, North by : Property belongs to S. Renukamma and Nanjappa South by : 25 ft., Road Measuring East to West: 40ft., and North to South: 30ft., in total 1200sqft.	11 Jan 2022 ₹38,15,152/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Only) Loan account no - LSBGL00116-170000887
3	(Borrower) 1. M/S. CEICO CONSULTING PVT LTD, # NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038 2. M/S. CEICO CONSULTING PVT LTD, # 25/7, BASEMENT FLOOR, BELOW SBI BANK, OUTER RING ROAD, NEXT TO JALSARESTAURANT, DODDANEKKUNDI, BANGALORE - 560037 (Co - Borrower) 3. Mr. Gerald Correya, #178, RSR COLONY, NEAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, NEAR KAVERI BAKERY, IMMADAHALLI ROAD, WHITEFIELD P.O, BANGALORE – 560066 4. Mr. Gerald Correya # 25/7, BASEMENT FLOOR, BELOW SBI BANK, OUTER RING ROAD, NEXT TO JALSA RESTAURANT, DODDANEKKUNDI, BANGALORE – 560037 (Co - Borrower) 5. Mrs. Mini Thomas, # 6-111, 3rd CROSS, HENNUR ROAD, LINGARAJPURAM, BANGALORE - 560084 6. Mrs. Mini Thomas, # NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038 (Co - Borrower) 7. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan, # D-4, 2nd BLOCK, GALAXY ENCLAVE, 7TH CROSS, KAGGADASAPURA MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE - 560093 8. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan NO 232, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST STAGE, INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560038	All the piece and parcel of Land, Garden bearing survey no – 25/2, measuring 0.10 Ten guntas out of 1 acre 33 guntas, plus 2 guntaskharab, situated at Hagadur village, Krishnarajapuramhobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on. East by : 14 ft left for road purpose upto this land. West by : Remaining property of vendors. North by : Vendors retained property. South by : Retained property of vendor. Present Postal address of Property - #178, RSR COLONY, NEAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, NEAR KAVERI BAKERY, IMMADAHALLI ROAD, WHITEFIELD P.O, BANGALORE – 560066	11 Jan 2022 ₹1,02,72,000/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only) and ₹45,80,009/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Only), Total amounting to ₹1,48,52,009/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Nine Only) Loan account no- LSBGL00115-160000342 and LSBGL00115-160000355

This step is being taken for substituted service of the un-served notice (S). The above mentioned Borrower (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantor (S) are advised to make the payments of amount demanded above along with future interest and other charges accrued there-on, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Indostar Capital Finance LTD) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/Mortgaged property will be initiated under the provisions of Sec 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 and Rules there –to. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties on which Indostar Capital Finance LTD has the first Charge.

Place – Bangalore
Date – 21.01.2022

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that, my client Mrs. MUBEENA BEGUM W/o Muqeet Khan, aged about 53 years, Residing at 28, 10th Cross, Kuppaswamy Layout, Nagwara Arbic College Post, Bangalore-560045 along with his deceased son Imran Khan S/o Muqeet Khan had executed a **General Power of Attorney** dated 24-12-2019 registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Ulsoor, Bangalore vide Document No. HLS-4-00555-2019-20, C.D.No.HLSD425 in Book-IV and unregistered nominal **Sale Agreement dated 24-12-2019 executed in favour** of Mr. Syed Peer Basha, S/o Syed Kadhar, aged about 51 years, R/at: No.117-A, Nesavukara Street, Pudhupettai Krishanagiri, Tamil Nadu-635001. That the said attorney failed to comply with any of the terms and in event of death of Mr. Imran Khan my client along with heirs of his deceased son Late Imran Khan terminated above said General Power of Attorney and Nominal Sale agreement vide notice dated 19-01-2022.

Hence general public is cautioned not to deal or carryout any transaction with Mr. Syed Peer Basha, S/o Syed Kadhar, inspite of this notice if anybody deal with the schedule property other than my client, they may not get clear title over the schedule property and my client is not responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE IMMOVABLE Residential flat bearing Unit No.FF-101 on the First Floor, having a super built-up area of 1164 Square feet with 244.522 sq ft undivided share right title and interest in the land comprised therein together with one reserved car park space bearing No.FF-101 in the stilt floor of the Apartment building known as "AJ SURATHI ENCLAVE", constructed in immovable property bearing clubbed Municipal Corporation No.297, PID No.79-66-297 (earlier bearing No.21C, later Nos.297 and 297/1, situated at Thimmaiah Road, Corporation New Ward No. 92, Bangalore bounded on the:
East by : Private Property
West by : Private Property
North by : Thimmaiah Road
South by : Conservancy lane

NAVEED AHMED, Advocate
No.19/19, 1st Floor, Miller Road, 1st Cross, Benson Town, Bangalore - 560046.
Ph: 9620245382, 9980283463, 9972247710, 7019539641
email: seenaveed@gmail.com
Dated: 20-01-2022

IN THE COURT OF THE LIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (C.C.H. No. 60)

P & Sc. No. 35 of 2022

Between:- 1. SMT. ROOPA GANTE W/o. Late Veerabhadraiah Gante, aged about 39 years,
2. MASTER. MOHITESHWAR GANTE S/o. Late Veerabhadraiah Gante, aged about 10 years,
Since Minor, Represented by his Mother / Natural Guardian **SMT. ROOPA GANTE**
Both residing at No.792, 1st Floor, 19th Main Road, 23rd Cross, H.S.R. Layout, 2nd Sector, Bengaluru 560012. **...Petitioners**

And:-

1. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, No.7, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru 560001. **...1st Respondent**
Represented by its Manager
2. M/s. H.P. PPS India Operations Private Limited, Pritech Park SEZ, Survey No. 51-64/4, Marathahalli Outer Ring Road, Bellandur Village, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru 560103. **...2nd Respondent**
Represented by its Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioners above named has filed the above Petition Under Section 372, for issue of Succession Certificate in their favour for Clamming / receiving all the benefits in respect to the Deceased Late Veerabhadraiah Gante, which is mentioned in the below schedules that is standing his name.

The Case is posted for hearing **on 07-03-2022 at 11.00 A.M.**

Interested person/s may enter appearance either by person or through an Advocate on that day and may file their objections if any. Otherwise the said matter shall be heard and determined Ex parte.

SCHEDULE-I

Rs. 39,89,976.46/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six and Paises Forty Six Only) as on 28-12-2021, standing in the name of Late Veerabhadraiah Gante in the Saving Bank Account bearing No. 072371594006, with the 1st Respondent bank.

SCHEDULE-II

Rs. 53,59,710/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten only), which the deceased Late Veerabhadraiah Gante is entitled toward the Group Term Life Insurance linked with Aditya Group Insurance made by the 2nd Respondent office / Company.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this the 18.1.2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioners :
K.P. Chandrashekar Reddy, Advocate
No.39/2, 2nd Floor, A.S.V.N.V. Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone : 98440 89956
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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT: BANGALORE

O.A. NO.700/2019

BETWEEN
Axis Bank Ltd. **...Applicant**
AND
Sri. Sridhar. K and anothers **...Respondents**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDENTS

TO,

1) **Mr. Shridhar. K, S/o Sidramappa,** No.77, Gopalreddy Building, Naga Reddy Layout, Anekal Road, Chandapura, Bangalore-560081.
2) **Mrs. Shila. M, W/o Mr. Shridhar. K,** No.325, 1st Floor, BSNL Building, Ganganagar, Bellary Road, Bangalore-560032.
3) **M/s. AMR Housing Development Corporation,** 305/66, 2nd Floor, Above SBM Bank, 2nd Main Road, 40th Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore-560070.

Whereas the applicant has instituted recovery application under Setion 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.14,81,931/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One Only)** plus future interest.

The above-mentioned defendants are hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorised agent in support of your defence to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 23-03-2022 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Sd/- REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II,
BANGALORE

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

South End Road Branch
No 96, South End Road, Bengaluru - 560 004
Ph No 080-26644038 / 22447997
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NOTICE TO BORROWER

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, South End Road Branch, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor / Guarantor : R. Shivalingappa, S/o Late Rachaiah, No 209, Sy No. 32/2, Begur Main Road, Begur, Bengaluru-560068

Sl No.	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Account No.	Limit Rs.	Liability Rs.
1	Housing Loan	2736666013174	1,99,000/-	3,33,613.53/-
2	Housing Loan	2736666013798	1,00,100/-	1,41,080.24/-
3	OD	1146253000601	10,00,000/-	10,38,593.35/-

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 15,13,287.12 /- (Rupees fifteen lakhs thirteen thousand two hundred eighty seven and twelve paisa only) as on **04.01.2022** with interest thereon

NPA Date : 29.09.2010 **Demand Notice Dated : 04.01.2022**

Description of the Immovable Property:

Property standing in the name of Sri R. Shivalingappa bearing no 209, Khatha no 32/2, Begur village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, measuring 30*20 sqft Aggregating to overall site area of 600 Sq ft and bounded on the North by : Site no 210, South by : Site no 208, East by : Road, West by : Private property.

Together with all right of easements, appetencies, advantages whatsoever in the Schedule property whether underneath or above the surface.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 20.01.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)
E-TENDER NOTICE No.V/W/TVC/ 1/2022 DATED 17/01/2022

Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer (s)/contractor(s) to apply tor e-tender for **WORKS** in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

S. No.	Description	Approx. value Rs. (in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of completion in months
1.	Repair works at Diesel Loco shed at Ernakulam	70.17	140400	SIX
2.	Kalamasseri - NAD siding - Complete track renewal (S) of existing track with 52 Kg rails on PSC sleepers for a length of 5.03 km. - Widening of cess between Kalamasseri to NAD.	120.00	210000	TWELVE
3.	TVC-NCJ section - Permanent restoration arrangements to the cutting with gabbion walls at Km.262/300-450.	156.13	229000	SIX
4.	Sr. DEN/North Jurisdiction - Painting of Girder Bridges & Steel Structures due in 2021 - 22	107.46	203800	SIX
5.	DEN/South Jurisdiction - Painting of Girder Bridges & Steel Structures due in 2021 - 22	49.97	100000	SIX
6.	Kanniyakumari - Renewal of water hydrant pipe between road No. 4 & 5.	20.80	41600	THREE
7.	Trivandrum Division - Construction of Gang Rest Rooms - 13 Numbers (6 Nos. in QLN P.Way section, 3 Nos. in MVLK P.Way section, 4 Nos. in VAK P.Way section)	174.18	237100	TWELVE
8.	Trivandrum Division - Construction of gang rest room - 17 Numbers (6 Nos. in TCR P.Way section, 5 Nos. in CKI P.Way section, 6 Nos. in AWY P.Way section)	227.72	263900	TWELVE
9.	Trivandrum Division - Construction of gang rest room - 15 Numbers (8 Nos. in ERS P.Way section, 3 Nos. in PVRD P.Way section, 4 Nos. in KTYM P.Way section)	200.95	250500	TWELVE
10.	Trivandrum Division - Construction of Gang rest rooms - 17 Numbers (9 Nos. in NCJ P.Way section, 8 Nos. in TVC P.Way section)	227.72	263900	TWELVE
11.	Sr. Divisional Engineer North jurisdiction - Supply and installation of track based way side gauge face rail lubricators electronic type	38.4	76800	EIGHT
12.	Divisional Engineer South jurisdiction - Supply and installation of track based way side gauge face rail lubricators electronic type.	38.4	76800	EIGHT
13.	Collection and training out of track ballast at Nanguneri depot.	169.34	234700	TWELVE
14.	TVC - NCJ Section - Clearing of bushes from sides of cutting and deweeding of bushes in station yards, clearing of side drains and catch water drains. (For two years)	67.19	134400	TWENTY FOUR
15.	ZONE A - Supply of materials and execution of Miscellaneous works – From KM.1.850 to KM 33.860 (Vallatholnagar & Trichur stations both INCLUSIVE) & "Trichur - Guruvayur LINE KM 0.000 TO 22.630 (INCL.GUV) - Trichur permanent way section.	28.80	57600	TWELVE
16.	ZONE B-From KM 33.860 TO KM.68.725 (TCR & KRAN STNS BOTH EXCLUSIVE) Chalakudi permanent way section	24.00	48000	TWELVE
17.	TCR-Sub division-Periodical cleaning, desilting of IC. Man holes, drains and Sewer lines including repairs	24.30	48700	TWELVE
18.	Cherthala :- Proposed IRS type Platform shelter for a length of 48.0 m on Platform No.2 & 3 - MPLAD Scheme.	38.35	76700	FOUR

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No: 1 to 6: 07/02/2022 at 11.00 hrs 7 to 12 : 14/02/2022 at 11.00 hrs 13 to 18 : 21/02/2022 at 11.00 hrs

Details approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in"**. For Details of bid submission, please refer **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Trivandrum-14
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civilians were killed during an artillery shell attack on the Turkish-held city of Afrin in northern Syria on Thursday

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Colombo	32	20	LC	Melbourne	31	17	SNY
Dhaka	25	15	SNY	Moscow	-2	-6	SW
Dubai	21	15	LC	New York	-4	-11	LC
Houston	11	-1	LC	Singapore	33	25	LC
Istanbul	10	1	HR	Toronto	-11	-12	SNY
London	7	1	SNY	Washington	-2	-9	LC

Ex-Pope Benedict XVI failed to act in German child abuse cases, finds probe

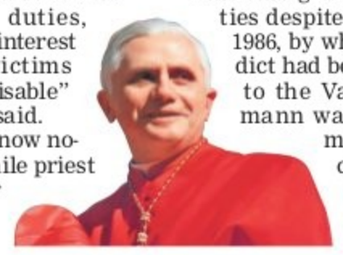
MUNICH

FORMER Pope Benedict XVI knowingly failed to take action to stop four priests accused of child sex abuse in Munich, according to the findings of a damning independent report presented on Thursday.

The ex-pontiff — who was the archbishop of Munich and Freising from 1977 to 1982 — has "strictly" denied any responsibility, said lawyer Martin Pusch of Westpfahl Spilker Wastl (WSW), which was commissioned by the church to carry out the probe. But the experts do not consider this credible, he said.

Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni emphasised that it must still examine the report, "the contents of which are not currently known", but reiterated the Vatican's "sense of shame and remorse for the abuse of minors committed by clerics".

Two of the cases where Benedict — whose civilian name is Josef Ratzinger — allegedly failed to act involved clergymen who had committed several proven acts of abuse but were allowed to continue with pastoral duties, Pusch said. An interest in the abuse victims was "not recognisable" in Benedict, he said.



In one case, a now notorious paedophile priest named Peter Hullermann was transferred to Munich from Essen in western Germany where he had been accused of abusing an 11-year-old boy. Hullermann was reassigned to pastoral duties despite his history. In 1986, by which time Benedict had been transferred to the Vatican, Hullermann was convicted of molesting more children and given a suspended prison sentence.

Even after the conviction, he continued to work with children for many years and his case is regarded as a pertinent example of the mishandling of abuse by the Church.

The report, which examined the years 1945 to 2019, also accused Cardinal Reinhard Marx, the current archbishop of Munich and Freising, of failing to act in two cases of suspected abuse.

Pusch said Benedict had initially shown a "defensive attitude" when responding to questions for the investigation. However, he later changed his attitude and gave a detailed written statement.

Benedict, 94, in 2013 became the first pope to step down from the role in 600 years and now lives a secluded life in a former convent inside the grounds of the Vatican.

The reformist Catholic group "Wir sind Kirche" (We are Church) called on the ex-pontiff to take responsibility. "An admission by Ratzinger that through his actions or inactions, knowledge or ignorance, he was personally and professionally complicit in the suffering of many young people would be... an example for many other bishops and responsible persons," it said in a statement.

Germany's Catholic Church has been rocked by a string of reports in recent years exposing widespread abuse of children by clergymen. *AFP*

Three killed, 28 injured in blast at Lahore market

LAHORE

A POWERFUL bomb blast on Thursday ripped through a crowded market where Indian commodities are sold in Pakistan's cultural capital here, killing three persons and wounding 28 others, police said.

The blast took place near the Paan Mandi in the famous Anarkali market, where Indian commodities are sold.

Lahore Commissioner Muhammad Usman told reporters that two people, including a nine year-old boy, were killed in the blast claimed by a Baloch insurgent group. "It was a high explosive device targeting a crowded place to ensure maximum casualties," he said. The death toll later rose to three after one critical person succumbed to his wounds.

The explosive device went off at 1.45pm near the Paan Mandi when the market was crowded. Scores of people were wounded and videos on social media show that a few of them were lying in a pool of blood with severed limbs. A number of motorcycles and vendors' stalls were also damaged in the blast that shattered windows of nearby shops and buildings.

Police officials examine the site of bomb explosion in Lahore on Thursday | AP/PTI

The Baloch Nationalist Army (BNA), one of several ethnic insurgent groups active in the mineral-rich southwestern Balochistan province - claimed responsibility for the blast.

"We accept the responsibility for targeting the bank in Anarkali Bazaar Lahore. This attack targeted bank employees. A detailed statement will be issued soon," BNA spokesman Mureed Baloch said in a tweet. The BNA had earlier warned that it will target the financial institutions. *PTI*

'Severe' response if Russia moves in on Ukraine: US

Russia denies planning an invasion, accuses West of plotting 'large-scale provocations'

BERLIN

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned on Thursday that there would be a 'swift, severe' response from the United States and its allies if Russia sends military forces into Ukraine. Blinken's comments in Berlin appeared to be another effort to clear up any confusion about the position of the U.S. and its NATO allies after US President Joe Biden was heavily criticised for saying a 'minor incursion' by Russia would elicit a lesser response.

Top American and European diplomats are seeking to project a united front to Russia over concerns that it may be planning an invasion of Ukraine.

Russia has massed an estimated 1,00,000 troops near Ukraine, and Biden said on Wednesday he thinks Moscow will invade. He warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that his country would pay a 'dear price' in lives lost and a possible cutoff from the global banking system if it does.

Against that backdrop, Blinken held talks on Thursday with diplomats from Germany, France and Britain — a so-called Quad meeting. A day earlier, he met Ukraine's president in Kyiv to discuss the threat. Russia has denied it is planning an invasion and, in turn, accused the West on Thursday of plotting 'provocations' in Ukraine, citing the delivery of weapons to the country by British military transport planes in recent days. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova alleged that Ukrainian and Western talk of an imminent Russian attack was a "cover for staging large-scale provocations of their own, including those of military character".

The US and its NATO allies face a difficult task on the Ukraine crisis. Biden has said he is not planning to send combat troops in the case of a further Russian invasion. But he could pursue a range of less dramatic yet still risky military options, including supporting a post-invasion Ukrainian resistance. The challenges of keeping the United States and its NATO allies united in their response to Russia were on display Wednesday, when Biden warned Russia against any invasion but also said a 'minor incursion' would elicit a lesser response. Biden later sought to clarify that he was referring to a non-military action, such as a cyberattack. However, the remark elicited a barrage of criticism at home that he was not being tough enough on Russia and raised the specter of possible divisions abroad. *AP*

People gather at the hospital where victims of the stampede were taken to in New Kru Town, Liberia | AP

Stampede kills 29 at religious event in Liberia

MONROVIA

AT least 29 people in Liberia, including 11 children and a pregnant woman, have died in a stampede of worshippers at a Christian ceremony in a densely populated area of the capital, Monrovia, officials said on Thursday.

The stampede erupted when a gang of thugs armed with knives attacked some of the hundreds attending the ceremony at about 9pm on Wednesday night, said a police spokesman Moses Carter. One person has been arrested, he said.

The Rev Abraham Kromah who was holding the ceremony and who runs a church in the New Georgia township of Monrovia was also brought in for questioning about the incident, police said. The bodies have been taken to the morgue of Redemption Hospital, close to where the incident occurred in a beach area called New Kru Town. Street gangs have become an increasing problem in Monrovia and other Liberian cities in recent years, according to residents. *AP*

Israel, Germany sign $3.4bn submarine deal

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL signed a three billion euro ($3.4 billion) deal on Thursday to buy three cutting edge submarines from Germany, the defense ministry announced. The Dakar-class diesel-electric submarines will be produced by German manufacturer Thyssenkrupp and are expected to be delivered within nine years, the ministry said.

Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said the procurement "will upgrade the capabilities of the Israeli Navy, and will contribute to Israel's security superiority in the region". *AP*

Taliban storm into Kabul flat, arrest woman activist, sisters

KABUL

THE Taliban stormed into an apartment in Kabul after sundown, smashing the door in and arresting a woman rights activist and her three sisters, an eyewitness said on Thursday. A Taliban statement appeared to blame the incident on a recent women's protest, saying insulting Afghan values will no longer be tolerated. The activist, Tamana Zaryabi Paryani, was among about 25 women who took part in an anti-Taliban protest on Sunday against the compulsory Islamic headscarf, or hijab, for women.

Women protest in front of Kabul University on January 16 | AFP

A person from the neighbourhood who witnessed the arrest said about 10 armed men, claiming to be from the Taliban intelligence, carried out the raid on Wednesday night. Shortly before she and her sisters were taken away, footage of Paryani was posted on social media, showing her frightened and breathless and screaming for help, saying the Taliban were banging on her door. "Help please, the Taliban have come to our home . . . only my sisters are home," she is heard saying in the footage. There are other female voices in the background, crying. "I can't open the door. Please . . . help!"

The witness said the raid took place around 8pm. The armed men went up to the third floor of the Kabul apartment complex where Paryani lives and began pounding on the front door ordering her to open the door. When she refused, they kicked the door repeatedly until it opened, the witness said. "They took four females away, all of them were sisters," the witness said, adding that one of the four was Paryani, the activist. A spokesman for the Taliban intelligence, Khalid Hamraz, would neither confirm nor deny the arrest.

However, he tweeted that "insulting the religious and national values of the Afghan people is not tolerated anymore", a reference to Sunday's protest during which the protesters appeared to burn a white burqa, the all-encompassing traditional head-to-toe female garment that only leaves a mesh opening for the eyes.

Hamraz accused rights activists of maligning Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers and their security forces to gain asylum in the West. Since sweeping to power in mid-August, the Taliban have imposed widespread restrictions, many of them directed at women. Women have been banned from many jobs, outside the health and education field, their access to education has been restricted beyond sixth grade and they have been ordered to wear the hijab. *AP*

CALL FOR MODERATION

Twitter loses 'online hate' court battle in France

PARIS

A PARIS court on Thursday ruled that Twitter must reveal its measures for fighting hate speech, in one of several cases thrashing out whether the French justice system has jurisdiction over the US social media giant.

Ireland-based Twitter International had appealed a July decision ordering it to share documents and details about its French moderation team and data on their activities against hate speech. That case had been brought by several anti-discrimination groups over what they said was the company's longstanding failure to properly moderate posts.

The appeals court on Thursday confirmed the first judgement and further ordered Twitter to pay 1,500 euros ($1,700) to the groups, including SOS Racisme, SOS Homophobie and the International League against racism and anti-Semitism (Licra).

In another Paris case, three victims of terrorist attacks who have suffered online harassment are suing Twitter France. They argue it was the company's fault that their cases against their harassers failed, as it did not provide identifying information that investigators had asked for.

In that case, Twitter France chief Damien Viel told a court last week that "I'm in charge of Twitter's business development and nothing more".

Providing data to the authorities was "up to the good will of Twitter International, which is outside French jurisdiction and can decide whether to cooperate or not," his lawyer Karim Beylouni added.

In still another case in Versailles, just outside Paris, Twitter France has said it is unable to comply with a police request for information on people who sent insults and threats to a public official.

The local office says it does not store any information, with all data handled by the group's European mothership based in Ireland. But prosecutors have asked for fines as high as 75,000 euros against both Twitter France and manager Viel personally. *AFP*

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDHA PREMJI MURJI,** aged 50 years, S/o Late Murji Gandhi, residing at No. 7, 'Venkateshwara Nilaya', 'G' No. 9th Street, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, do hereby declare that I have changed the name of my Son from **JAY PREMJI PATEL** to **JAY PREMJI SANDHA** vide affidavit Dated 19/01/2022 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Sri. B.Prasanna, No. 17/1, K.M. Lane, S.P. Road Cross, Bangalore-560002.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AARUSHI VYASS**, Aged about 21 Years, D/o Ashish Vyas, Residing House No. 803, D Block, Sriram Samrudhi Apartment, Near Kundalahalli, White Field, Bangalore - 560066, I hereby declare that, my Aadhar Card & all Statutory Documents my name has been recorded as **Aarushi Vyass**. In Passport Document My name has been entered as Aarushi Vyas the actual Correct name to be recorded is **AARUSHI VYASS**. I declare that both the Names **AARUSHI VYASS & AARUSHI VYAS** are one & Same Person. Vide Affidavit Dated 20/01/2022 Before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KALYANI GAYATRI KANDALA,** W/o Raghuram Acharyulu.K, residing at No. C/125, Pariwar Passion, 5th Cross, Noble Residency Road, Doddakammanahalli, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KALYANI GAYATRI KANDALA** to **(NEW NAME) KALYANI RAGHURAM KOMANDURI** vide affidavit Dated 12/01/2022 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **Aralepete Venkatarao Shanthamma** w/o Vasanth NN, residing at No.262, 4th Cross, Thanisandra Main Road, MS Ramaiah North City, Nagawara, Dr. Shivarama Karanath Nagar, i state that my name has been recorded as '**Aralepete Venkatarao Shanthamma**', which is my maiden name and also as '**Shantha Vasanth**', which i have been known as subsequent to my marriage, i hereby declare that i am identified by both the above names and i shall continue to be known by such names hereinafter. Vide affidavit dated 13.01.2022 sworn before Notary Rukhibi, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VAIDEHI RAJESH** (New Name), aged 32 Years, W/o RAJESH .A, Daughter of CHINNARAJ, RESIDING AT, NO. 274 5th main VIVEKNAGAR BENGALURU-560047, that I have changed my name from **VAIDEHI .C** (Old Name) to **VAIDEHI RAJESH** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **VAIDEHI RAJESH** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 19/01/2022 as Notary Document Reg. No. 401, Book-25, Page-76 before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA,** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SERVICE NO JC-310556W** SUB MAJ M.SYJU OF UNI: TRG SM, CIW, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, Bangalore 560042, have changed my Son name from **NIVED SYJU.M** to **NIVED SYJU** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.10.2021 sworn Before Notary L.Gopalakrishna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Anitha R, Guardian of SIGANDH.N.K, R/o #39, 1st Cross, 7th main, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560057 declares that his correct name is SIGANDH.N.K, his mother's correct name is late N.S.DRAKSHAYANAMMA, his father's correct name is KRISHNAPPA N.S. and not Siganth.N.K, Drakashayini, Krishnappa, respectively, as mentioned in his School records by mistake, vide affidavit dated 19.01.2022 sworn before notary N Mahesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, hitherto known as **PRITIKA**, D/o Senthil Kumar Nageswaran, R/o 12083, Building 1 Tower 2, Prestige Falcon City, Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte Cross, Konanakunte, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560 062, Karnataka have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **PREETHI SENTHIL,** vide affidavit dated 20-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. Gowthami** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, **SERVICE NO JC-310556W** SUB MAJ M.SYJU OF UNIT: TRG SM, CIW, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, Bangalore 560042, have changed my Wife name **JINSY.P** Date of Birth From **09.02.1980** to **09.02.1981** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.10.2021 sworn Before Notary L. Gopalakrishna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Jalaja,** Widowed Daughter of Late Shri P.V. Damodaran, No. 06864685 Ex H / NB SUB of ASC Bangalore, presently residing at Flat No. 007 Block-A,Sobha Coral, Jakkur, Bangalore : 560 064 have changed my name from **Jalaja** to **Jalaja Pradeep** vide Affidavit dated 05/01/2022 before Sivakumara M.N, Advocate & Notary Public.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRISHNA RAJAGOPALA CHAKRAVARTHY,** age 88 years, S/o Krishna Chakravarthy, R/at Flat #G01, Silverwaves Prakruthi Apartments, Behind St. Francis Church, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru-560 060, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRISHNA RAJAGOPALA CHAKRAVRTHY** to **KRISHNA RAJAGOPALA CHAKRAVARTHY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KRISHNA RAJAGOPALA CHAKRAVARTHY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd January 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. Gunashekar** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NASREEN BEGUM/ MUMTAZ MAHAMOOD** R/at No.07, 1st Main, 1st Cross, New Gurappana Palya, Bangalore-560029 have changed my name to **TAHSEEN** vide affidavit dated:19/01/2021 Before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUNIRAJ .S.M,** S/o. Muni Pilappa, aged about 28 years, R/at. No. 22, Savakanahalli, Bidalur Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru - 562 110, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUNIRAJU .S.M** to **SANTHOSH .S.M,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **SANTHOSH .S.M** only, vide affidavit dated 20.01.2022, sworn before H.H. Nagaraj, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAVYA VENKATASWAMY REDDY,** W/o Chandrashekar Krishnareddy, residing at Shakthi Pride Apartments, Flat #H-0, 10th Cross, B. Channasandra, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 043, have changed the name of my minor daughter from **TANISKHA CHANDRASHEKAR** to **THANISHKA CHANDRASHEKAR,** vide affidavit dated: 20-01-2022 before Notary **D. Gunashekar,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUSHMA KHATRI, aged about 33 years, W/o. Sri.Prateek Khurana, residing at: No.655, Flat T-3, Elegant Embassy Apartment, 19th Main, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098, have changed my name to SUSHMA KHURANA vide affidavit dated 20-01-2022 sworn before notary K.V. Prema Kumari, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JYOTHI**, W/o. Shivakumar, Aged about 42 years, R/at No. 56, 18th Cross, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 073, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JYOTHI** to **MOKSHA** vide affidavit dated 19.01.2022 sworn to before H.R. Karunakara, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Jayasree (old name)** wife of No. 2889495X Haviladar Venkatesha M. Residing at house No. 1688, 5th Cross, Prashanthnagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, Have Changed My Name from **Jayasree** to **R. Jayashree** vide affidavit dated 19 Jan. 2022 sworn before notary K.M. Basavaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHREEEVANI CHANDRA** alias **SHREEVANI CHANDRA. V,** D/o Mr. M. Hariprasad, R/o: House No.01, ISRO Layout, 5th Cross, Sri Sai Layout, SN Halli Post, Haroahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 064 have changed my name from **SHREEEVANI CHANDRA alias SHREEVANI CHANDRA.V** to **SHREEVANI** vide affidavit dated 18.01.2022 before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

HUL profit up 17% amid fear of rural slowdown

Price hike by FMCG firms impacted consumer spending, say experts

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@New Delhi

FMCG major Hindustan Unilever, which on Thursday reported standalone net profit of 16.76% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹2,243 crore for the December quarter, has warned the country is witnessing a rural slowdown.

While HUL has gained market share in both urban and rural areas in the concerned quarter, its chairman and managing director Sanjiv Mehta in a post-earnings virtual call noted, "We are now seeing a slowdown happening in rural areas from a volume and value perspective."

"The rural economy is in slowdown mode and reversing it would require putting more cash in the hands of the consumer," Mehta said.

High inflation and increase in price by companies has impacted consumer spending, according to analysts. The company had reported standalone net profit of ₹1,921 crore in December last year. Sales of the company rose 10% to ₹12,900 crore as against ₹11,682 crore in the year-ago period. HUL has also clocked 11% growth in domestic consumer growth.

Looking ahead, HUL said, FMCG market growths are moderating and inflation impacting volumes. "Commodities remain volatile and elevated, witnessing further sequential inflation in MQ'22."

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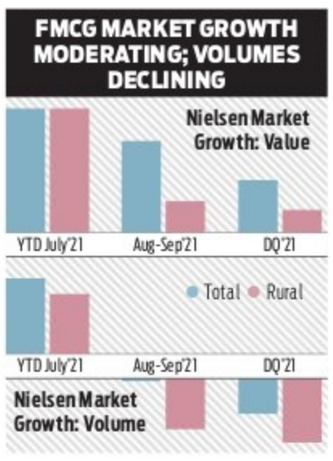
Sanjiv Mehta, HUL chairman and MD



Analysts have highlighted that continued commodity inflationary pressures may have impacted the performance of FMCG companies in the December quarter.

The home care segment has grown 23%, beauty & personal care grew 7% and foods & refreshment grew 3%, HUL said in a statement.

Asian Paints Q3 profit drops 18%

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NET profit of India's largest paint maker Asian Paints Ltd. dropped 18% as compared to ₹1,238.34 crore in the corresponding period of previous year, it said in an exchange filing.

The steep and unprecedented inflationary trend in raw material prices continued to impact the gross margins across businesses this quarter, its Managing Director & CEO Amit Syngle said.

Substantial price increases have been taken in November and December to mitigate this inflation impact, improving the margins on a sequential basis, Syngle said, adding, "We continue to work strongly in enhancing the value proposition for our customers across all business segments and thereby deliver sustained value creation for all our stakeholders," said Syngle.

The company reported a 25.6% YoY rise in revenue from operations at ₹8,527.24 crore.

Asian Paints had reported ₹6,788.47 cr revenue in the year-ago quarter. Profit before tax fell 17.9% to ₹1,393.72 cr from ₹1,696.76 cr a year ago.

Markets fall for 3rd day on FII selling

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FIIS continued to sell Indian shares and index futures, causing major indices like Nifty and Sensex to end in the red for the third straight session. The Nifty and Sensex both fell by a percent each, thanks to last hour buying by DIIs, which caused them to close above their lows.

FIIs sold a provisional ₹4,679.84 crore of shares on Thursday, while DIIs purchased ₹769 crore worth of shares, enabling the Nifty to close 109 points above its low.

Nifty closed down by 181.4 points at 17757 and Sensex ended lower by 634.2 points at 59464.62 points.

The top losers on Nifty included Bajaj Finserv, Infosys, TCS, Sun Pharma and Hindustan Unilever, which fell between 2% and 4.6%.

Indian markets have witnessed profit booking amid rising inflationary expectations and high stock valuations. The Nifty rallied 11.6% from a low of 16410.2 on December 20 last year through a high of 18321.55 on Dec 17.

From there it has corrected 3% to 17757 on Thursday.

In addition to the cash sale, FIIs net sold index futures worth ₹2,103 crore on Thursday. It implies markets might continue to reel under pressure on Friday.

Derivatives data for Jan 27 expiry imply a 17500-18000 range for Nifty with bias for the downside, for now.

UPS AND DOWNS

Call option elevated sales shows neutral to negative bias for **Asian Paints** in immediate short term

Put option short covering spells bad news for **Bajaj Finserv** in very near term

Call option buyers are bullish, **sellers are bearish**

Put option **buyers are bearish,** sellers are bullish

DOWNSIDE RISK

The downside for Asian Paints is ₹3,240 followed by ₹3,165, based on options data. On Bajaj Finserv, put option sellers covered short positions at 18000, 17500 and 17000 strikes.

Bajaj Finserv, Asian Paints may hit

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

A derivative instrument called an options contract is showing neutral to negative bias for Asian Paints and Bajaj Finserv, in the very short term.

Both the companies reported their third quarter numbers on Thursday. Profitability of both declined from the year ago quarter, though Asian Paints delivered on the volume front.

In Asian Paints, which closed up half 0.7% at ₹3303, traders sold a huge number of call options at ₹3300 strike - the level at which the contract can be exercised.

This implies they don't expect the Asian Paints' stock to rise above the strike sold plus the premium received from the options' buyers, which stands at around ₹60, the volume weighted average price of the call option.

The sellers will pocket the premium if Asian Paints falls or remains steady.

"Options (calls or puts) are written or sold by market players normally considered financially more savvy than option buyers," said SK Joshi, director, Khambatta Securities. "The strikes at which heavy writing happens are those levels the market is likely to respect."

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On Bajaj Finserv, which closed down almost 5% at ₹17250, put option sellers, who are bullish, covered their short positions at 18000, 17500 and 17000 strikes, which contributed to the stock's fall.

Data shows more downside for the stock until ₹16500-16000 levels.

The supports and resistances for Asian Paints and Bajaj Finserv could be tested until January 27 when the options expire.

Bajaj Finserv reported a year on year decline of 3% in its consolidated net profit at ₹1,256 crore for Q3FY22. Its revenue, though, grew 10% through ₹17,619 crore.

Adani Wilmar IPO from Jan 27

PACKAGED food company Adani Wilmar Ltd has got the regulatory clearance for its Initial Public Offer (IPO) to raise ₹3,600 crore from the equity market. The IPO of the Adani Group company will open for subscription by the public on January 27, 2022 and close on January 31, 2022.

The price band for the Issue will be decided by the company in consultation with the book running lead managers and will be advertised at least two days prior to the issue opening date, Adani Enterprise said in a filing. Out of the total proceeds, Adani Wilmar plans to use ₹1,000 cr for repayment/pre-payment of debts, ₹1,900 crore for capital expenditure and ₹450 crore for strategic acquisitions. *ENS*

SPENDING PAIN

Fiscal deficit likely to stay at 6% in FY23

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Centre's fiscal deficit is likely to remain around 6% in the 2022-23 as government is unlikely to go on a fiscal consolidation mode given the economy still needs fiscal support from the government.

Most analysts and economists *TNIE* talked to say that the economy is still in need of a government spending boost to sustain the growth.

They peg the fiscal deficit for 2022-23 at 5.8-6.3% compared to 6.8% budget target in 2021-22. India Ratings pegs FY23 fiscal deficit at 5.8-6%, chief economist of rating agency Crisil DK Joshi pegs it at around 6%. Research firm QuantEco says the fiscal deficit could be 6.3% in the next financial year.

A finance ministry official said that the fiscal deficit in FY23 is unlikely to be very low compared to the current financial year. In 202-22, the fiscal deficit is likely to be in the 6.6-6.8% range. Given that the economy is still in need of policy support, the government is unlikely to be in a hurry to move back to the path of fiscal consolidation, says a note from rating agency India Ratings.

"We estimate a 26% growth in capital expenditure to ₹7 lakh crore in FY23, from ₹5.5 lakh crore in FY22," says a QuantEco research note.

The government has set a target of reducing the fiscal deficit to 4.5% by 2025-26.

'5G services will not hit flight operations in India'

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TELECOM Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Thursday said that it doesn't think the introduction of 5G services will have any effect on flight operations in India. An official from TRAI mentioned that the auction is yet to take place in the country. However, he doesn't see India facing such problems after rolling out 5G operations. "I won't comment on what is happening in the US right now as the matter is pertaining to the other country. However, I don't think India will face such problems in future. Auction dates are still very far away. If there is any problem, the Department of Telecom will take care of it," said the official.

SAFE FOR 5G AND AVIATION TO CO-EXIST: COAI

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) said there is enough gap of 530 MHz (from 3670 MHz to 4200 MHz) in the transmission of frequencies, making it safe for 5G and aviation to co-exist.

For the past one month, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has raised concerns around the launch of 5G using the C-band spectrum near US airports. They said 5G airwaves in that particular frequency band would interfere with the sensitive aircraft electronics such as radio altimeters, which could disrupt flight operation. The US telecom operators, AT&T and Verizon, had announced to activate their 5G networks from January 19.

Subsequently, major international airlines including Air India canceled or changed their flight schedule on Wednesday.

In India too, the 6,000-pilot-strong Federation of Indian Pilots, on 4 January, wrote to Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and requested him to ask the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) work in tandem to develop a plan that enables the safe and efficient implementation of fifth generation (5G) mobile communications networks in the C-band.

But Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), which represents telecos rebuffed such speculation and called it uncorroborated.

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Lamborghini, Porsche, other super luxury cars see record sales in 2021

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THERE is no dearth of super luxury car buyers in India as two leading brands in this segment- Italian supercar maker Lamborghini and Germany's Porsche- witnessed record surge in demand last year.

With the delivery of 474 sports cars in 2021, Porsche India recorded its best sales performance since 2014, marking a 62% increase over 2020. In line with the record deliveries, Porsche India's order bank grew by 165%, confirming 2021 as the brand's best ever order intake. Porsche India cars are priced between ₹83 lakh and ₹3.08 crore.

Manolito Vujicic, Brand Director for Porsche India, says the demand for the brand's luxury model range was high, with solid interest across all regions that looks likely to flow into 2022. He added, "A total of 301 cars were delivered to new and established customers during the final six months, endorsing a positive outlook leading into 2022 on the back of future-oriented facility investment plans by our associates."

Italian super-luxury carmaker Lamborghini posted sales of 69 units in India in 2021, a growth of 86% in comparison to the previous year and its best figure in a calendar year. The number is impressive given Lamborghini cars come at a starting price tag of ₹3.16 crore (ex-showroom) in India. Globally, the company recorded all-time high sales of 8,405 cars in 2021, compared with 7,430 in the year-ago period. Segment leaders BMW and Mercedes Benz also witnessed sharp recovery in sales of luxury vehicles in 2021. Mercedes sold a total of 11,242 units last year, registering 42.5% growth y-o-y.

EV industry seeks priority lending

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TO create a robust ecosystem for electric vehicles and give a boost to the EV (electric vehicle) market, the government could look at putting EVs in the priority lending sector as it will help citizens afford EVs at lower interest rates, said Sohinder Gill, DG of Society Of Manufacturers Of Electric Vehicles (SMEV), on the expectations of the industry from the upcoming Union Budget.

Gill also said that unless we work seriously and diligently on EV batteries, we will end up in a situation similar to, if not worse than, our dependence on crude oil. "The government could allocate sufficient funds for Research & Development in a public-private partnership mode with a time-bound objective to create EV batteries that are less dependent on offshore minerals and best suited to the Indian condition. ACC (advanced chemistry cell) scheme can be suitably amended to incentivise the R&D efforts."

The industry body is also seeking amendment in the PLI scheme for automobile and auto component.

Yatin Gupte, CMD of Wardwizard Innovations & Mobility, said that the focus needs to be on infrastructure development and incentives for customers, which will eventually increase the demand.

Mindtree tapping more talents from small cities

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

MID-SIZE IT services company Mindtree is expanding in Tier-II and Tier-III cities by setting up offices there in order to make the growth more inclusive.

In an interaction with *TNIE*, Debashis Chatterjee, CEO and MD, Mindtree, said, "Scaling up and diversifying our talent pool is critical to supporting our broad-based growth. We are setting up offices in cities such as Coimbatore and Warangal as part of our 'Work of the Future' talent strategy. The idea is to take work to talent instead of bringing talent to work."

According to him, these cities have a vibrant educational ecosystem and are great reservoirs of talent. "The response from talent in these cities looking to associate with us without having to relocate has been overwhelming," he said.

Mindtree expects its hiring momentum from campuses to increase by 40 to 50% through FY23. Its focus continues to be on complementing external hiring with internal talent development. It onboarded over 4,500 employees in the third quarter and its global headcount is over 31,900.

The Bengaluru-based company reported 34% increase in its net profit at ₹437 crore for the third quarter and its revenue was ₹2,750 crore. In 2020, Mindtree outlined a 4X4X4 strategy-focusing on four industry groups, four services lines and four geographies.

"The aim of our 4X4X4 strategy is to drive broad-based profitable growth across all industries, service lines, and geographies that we focus on. It continues to resonate very well with our clients and is also enabling us to rapidly broaden our value proposition by expanding our capabilities and strategic partnerships," Chatterjee said.

He added that customers in the BFSI sector are turning to the company to realign technology portfolios, accelerate adoption of future technologies, modernise legacy infrastructure, and re-imagine channel strategies.

"In our retail, CPG and manufacturing (RCM) business that grew 51.7% Y-o-Y, we are seeing good traction in consumer experience, core modernisation, supply chain transformation, smart factory solutions, and intelligent enterprise resource planning. Revenues from our travel, transport & hospitality (TTH) business, up 56.4% Y-o-Y, have returned to pre-pandemic levels," he said.

Business & Beyond

Lloyd & Chetan bagged Gold in wheelchair & standing category

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Goa organised non classification, non ranking para table tennis tournament for persons with disabilities voters of Goa in Standing and Wheelchair category.

MIDC signs 95-year lease agreement with GJEPC for jewellery park

Gp; Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) and Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) signed an agreement for granting possession of land for a period of 95 years for setting up India Jewellery Park Mumbai (IJPM). India Jewellery Park Mumbai will contribute to economic development of Maharashtra by attracting investments of over `20,000 crore.

Eminent cultural activists of Manipur honoured

Thongam Sajou Memorial Charitable Trust on Jan 20 honoured various eminent cultural activists in recognition of their contribution to society at a function held at MSFDS Auditorium, Palace Gate, Imphal East. The Thongam Sajou memorial Charitable Trust has been rendering service since 2012 and under the trust various children have been given financial support for education.

Braithwaite gets Miniratna status

Braithwaite established in Kolkata in 1913, is currently under administrative control of Ministry of Railways. It manufactures railway rolling stock, repairing/retro fitment of old rolling stock, sub-assemblies of wagon components, O&M of Railway Workshop, structural steel bridges including civil jobs. On consideration of performance, Ministry of Railways conferred "Miniratna Category I" status on Braithwaite & Co. Limited.

EXPRESS READ

Jet Airways worker to see resolution plan

New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Thursday directed the Kalrock-Jalan consortium, the winning bidder for bankrupt Jet Airways, to share portions of the resolution plan pertaining to claims of employees with the airline's workmen. The Association of Aggrieved Workmen of Jet Airways had sought the details.

FDI flows to India slip 26% in '21: UN report

New Delhi: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to India in 2021 were 26% lower, mainly because large M&A deals recorded in 2020 were not repeated. The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Investment Trends Monitor said global FDI flows showed a strong rebound in 2021, growing 77% to an estimated $1.65 trillion.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
SME Peenya Branch,
13th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area,
Bangalore – 560058, Phone: 080- 28360037/2661
E-mail – cb2454@canaranbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, SME Peenya Branch, Bangalore-560058.** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **06.11.2021** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor **M/s Vedaanta Steels,** No 824, 3rd A Cross, Rushubhavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru – 560079 represented by its proprietor **Mr. Krishna Kumar Jhanwar** S/o Madhusudan Jhanwar residing at No 19, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Nehru Nagar, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.6,36,37,886.12/-** (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousands Eight Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Twelve Only) as on **31.10.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **20th day of Janaury of the year 2022.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 6,36,37,886.12/-** (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousands Eight Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Twelve Only) as on **31.10.2021** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.11.2021.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that Piece and parcel of the immovable property being the portion of the residentially converted land bearing Survey No 51/1A of Kurubarahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 1 Acre 9.5 Guntas, equivalent to 53,906 Square Feet and bounded as: **East by:** Remaining portion of Sy No 51/1A allotted to Mrs. Saroj Jhanwar and Sy No 52/2 belongs to Mr. Madhusudhan Jhanwar, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Private Road and Sy No 52/2 Belongs to Mr. Madhusudhan and portion of Sy No 52/2 allotted to Mr. Anand Jhanwar, **South by:** Road and portion of Sy No 51/1A allotted to Mrs. Saroj Jhanwar..

Date : 20.01.2022
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
Bank of Baroda
Cox Town Branch
#35/1, Thambu Chetty Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005
Tel: 080-25485330, 080-25484771 E-mail: vjcox@bankofbaroda.com

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Cox Town Branch, Bangalore** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **04.11.2021** calling upon the Borrower **1) M/s Vikas Napkins Paper Industries,** Represented by its proprietor Mr. Ramachandrappa T. No.45A, E-Khata No 150300701900100355, New Khaneshumri No.280/315/45, in Sy. No 8/1, Situated at Jakkasandra Village, Arishinakunte Village Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru-562123. **2) Mr. Ramachandrappa T.** No.163, Temple Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagasettyhalli, Bengaluru-560094. **Guarantor Mrs. Lakshmi K H.** W/o Mr. Ramachandrappa T, No.163, Temple Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagasetty halli. Bengaluru-560094. To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 35.22.000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Only) as on **29.10.2021** and interest form **30.10.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **19th day of January 2022.**

The Borrowers/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.35,22,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Only) as on **29.10.2021** and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing No. 45A, E-Katha No.150300701900120129. New Khaneshumari No.280/315/45A, in Sy. No.8/1, situated at Jakkasandra Village Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring, East to West-20 feet and North to South-60 ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, and bounded on: On the East by : Site No.46; On the West by : Property of K.H Lakshmisha in Site No.45: On the North by Road: On the South by Property Layout.

Date : 19.01.2022
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

IN THE COURT OF 2nd ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU
C. Misc. No. 150 / 2022

BETWEEN : 1. Mr. Mohammed Azharuddin S/o Sajjad Ahmed @ Javeed, Aged about 34 Years, R/at No.5/8, 18th Cross, Hall Road Extension, Near Richards Park, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005. **...PETITIONER No.1**
2. Mrs. Hajira Kausar D/o Sajjad Ahmed @ Javed, Aged about 35 Years, R/at No. 5/8, 18th Cross, Hall Road Extension, Near Richards Park, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005. **...PETITIONER No.2**
AND: The Commissioner, Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru. **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the Petitioners above named filed a petition for seeking direction to The Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru for registering the Death of petitioners Father by named **Mr. Sajjad Ahmed @ Javeed who expired on 04/05/1997** at No. 27/1, Khazi Street, Md. Block, Stone Building, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.
Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above Hon'ble court at **11.00AM on dated 28.02.2022** in person or through a pleader, failing which the above case will be heard and determined in accordance with law.
By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, II Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru City.
B.L. Narasimh Achar, Advocate
1st Floor, Ashram Building, 4th Main Road, Opp. S.R. Nagar Police Station, S.R.Nagar, Bengaluru-560027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has agreed to purchase the schedule property from its Owner **Mr. Prakash Matada son of Chandrashekar Matada** residing at # 69, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Sharda Colony Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore 560 079. If any person has any right, title, interest of claim or objection over the same, he/she may inform the undersigned together with documentary evidence, if any **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice and if no claims are received with in the said date, my client would complete the sale as if there are no claims.

SCHEDULE
Residential Apartment bearing No. G-2, BBMP Khata No.13, in the Ground Floor of building 'Sumukha', built on **site No.13, old No.46 (MIG), 3rd Main Road, I Stage, KHB Colony, AD Halli, Bangalore,** measuring 1600 Sft. of Super Built Area, inclusive of 2 Car Parking space along with proportionate rights in common areas and amenities. The PID No. allotted to the Apartment is 18-22-13.
Sd/-
U. ASHOK, Advocate,
Room No.40, 2nd Floor, Pamadi Mansion, 69, Avenue Road, Bangalore 560 002.
Cell No.9341253214.

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IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
1st Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore.

O.A. No. 1635/2018

BETWEEN: Andhra Bank, J.P. Nagar Branch, Gururaya Mansion, No. 759, 8th Main J.P.Nagar 3rd Phase, Bangalore -78. Rep. by it's A.G.M **...APPLICANT**
Now Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch. Malleswaram, Bangalore. rep by its Chief Manager
AND:
1. M/s Step Up - 46, Rep by its Proprietor M.Umashankar Deekshit, No.912, 4th Floor, 80ft Road, Koramangala 6th Block, Above Mahindra Showroom, Ejjipura, Bangalore. **...DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE RULES) 1993
Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.1,53,50,676/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six only)** together with current and future interest at 12.75% p.a. Compounded and other relieves. You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 22.03.2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 5th day of January 2022.
Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that, my client Smt. Prathibha Sridhar, aged about 43 years, W/o Late Sridhar, R/at No. 181, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, R.M.V. Extension, Bengaluru-560 094, is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri. Srivas N. Chennu, S/o Late M.C. Narasimha, aged about 43 years, R/at No. 12, 6th Cross, AG's Colony, RMV Extn, II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 094.
If anybody has/have any objection for the same, please approach the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this public notice with documentary proof of their claim. If nobody has raised objection/s for the same, my client is proceeded to purchase the schedule property from his without any further notice. After expiry of the aforesaid period, any person/s has/have submitted the objection the same will not bind on my client in transacting the same.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of residential site demarcated at Site No. 435, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in several survey numbers in Kodigehalli, Byatarayanapura, Kothihoshalli Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk named as Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, NTI Layout, I Phase, Bangalore-560 092, measuring East to West 35+38/2 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2190 square feet and bounded on the:-
East by: Road, West by: Site No. 436, North by: Site No. 434, South by: Road.
SURYAPRAKASH REDDY .K.S., Advocate
office No.1, 4th Floor, 11th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002.
Mobile 9886679696, 9449979266

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that, my client Smt. Prathibha Sridhar, aged about 43 years, W/o Late Sridhar, R/at No. 181, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, R.M.V. Extension, Bengaluru-560 094, is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri. Arjun Chennu, S/o Late M.C. Narasimhan aged about 35 years, R/at No. 62, 3rd Main, SBM Colony, Anand Nagar, Bangalore - 560 024.
If anybody has/have any objection for the same, please approach the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this public notice with documentary proof of their claim. If nobody has raised objection/s for the same, my client is proceeded to purchase the schedule property from his without any further notice. After expiry of the aforesaid period, any person/s has/have submitted the objection the same will not bind on my client in transacting the same.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of residential site demarcated at Site No. 434, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in several survey numbers in Kodigehalli, Byatarayanapura, Kothihoshalli Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk named as Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, NTI Layout, I Phase, Bangalore-560 092, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 square feet and bounded on the:-
East by: Site No. 433, West by: Site No. 435, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 437
SURYAPRAKASH REDDY .K.S., Advocate
office No.1, 4th Floor, 11th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata 700020
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Monojit Roy/ Kanan Roy/ Room No-307, 52 1st Cross Slvr PG Homly PG, Prashanth Layout, Whitefield Karnataka Bangalore 560066/ LBCAL00004945366	Residential Apartment No. NR606C on The 6th Floor, Plot No. III, E/5, Action area Iii, New Town, Rajarhat, P.S- Lake Town, Kolkata, Dist- 24 North Parganas, Admeasuring an area of 2109 Sq. Ft Super Built Up Area With Covered Car Parking Space No. Nuf025 in The Basement With Admeasuring area 134.55 Sq. Ft	27/09/2021 Rs. 42,35,355/-	11/05/ 2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 21, 2022
Place: Bangalore (Whitefield)
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.
The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
HEAD OFFICE BRANCH			
1.	Sri. Basheer. M	Demand Notice Dated : 29.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 17,66,766/- as on : 17.01.2022	No. 13, Old No. 14, 8th Main Padarayanapura, PID No. 44-3-13, BMP Ward No. 44, Bengaluru. East to West: 17.5 feet &North to South: 47 feet, East by : Private property, West by : Remaining property of same number property & Cross Road, North by : Conservancy, South by : W. Asifulla Property
2.	Smt. Gowramma	Demand Notice Dated : 26.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 15,97,167/- as on : 17.01.2022	No. 83, 10th Cross, Dinadalitara Sangha, Nanjamba Agrahara, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 46 of Chamarajpet, With PID No. 46-32-83, Bengaluru. East to West: 21 feet &North to South: 23.9 feet, East by : Site No. 84, West by : Site No. 82, North by : Site No. 61, South by : Road.
3.	Sri. Dhalappa (Deceased) Legal representatives by 1) Jayalakshmi (Wife), 2) Muniraju (Son), 3) Bhagyalakhmi (Daughter) 4) Jyothi Lakshmi (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 21.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 30,21,650/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.04, 9th Cross Road, Muneshwara Block, Site No. 16, Sy No. 43/5, Avalahalli Grama, Uttarahalli Hobli, BBMP Ward No. 41 of Gali Anjaneya Temple, PID No. 41-130-04, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru. East to West : 15 feet & North to South: 45 feet. East by : Site No. 16, West by : Site No. 15, North by : Site No. 04, South by : Road.
4.	Sri. Syed Shabbeer Pasha	Demand Notice Dated : 09.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 9,56,038/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 29, Old No. 62, Poorna Venkata Rao Road, BMP Ward No. 30 of Sri. Krishna Rajendra Market, PID No. 30-19-29, Bengaluru. East to West : 35.9 feet &North to South: 21 feet. East by : Property of H.S Appaiah West by : House of Abdul Latheaf Saheb, North by : Poorna Venkata Rao Galli, (Conservancy Lane), South by : House of Patel Jaleel Tailor Ahamed Khan,
5.	Smt. Shanthamma	Demand Notice Dated : 09.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 1,67,803/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 04, Old No. 90, Cheluvadipalya, 5th Cross, TCM Royan Road, PID No. 30-48-4, BMP Ward No. 30, Bengaluru. East to West : 20 feet &North to South: 18 feet. East by : Road, West by : Site No. 69, North by : Site No. 89, South by : Site No. 91
6.	Sri. Muzamil Baig	Demand Notice Dated : 29.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 17,00,007/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.40, 13th Cross, Padarayanapura Bengaluru presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevanramnagar, PID No. 44-7-40. East to West : 12 feet & North to South: 80 feet. East by : Others property, West by : Road, North by : Mehaboob Jan's Property , South by : 6 X 80 feet Common Passage thereafter Property bearing No. 40/1
7.	Smt. Tahseen Taj	Demand Notice Dated : 04.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 3,17,344/- as on : 17.01.2022	Old No.14, Northern Portion of Property No.17, Property bearing No. 17/1, 8th Main, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No.44 of Jageevanram nagar, PID No. 44-3-17/1, Bengaluru. East to West: 13.6 feet & North to South: 40 feet East by : 4 X 80 feet Common Passage & thereafter Property belong to Kareem Saheb. West by : Property belonging to Sri. Subbaiah, North by : Conservancy lane, South by : Remaining Southern Portion sold to Babu Jalal & Shahada Banu.
8.	Sri. Jaffar Shariff	Demand Notice Dated : 29.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 18,38,813/- as on : 17.01.2022	1st Schedule : No. 9/1-1, 16th Cross, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevan Ramnagar, PID No. 44-11-9/1-1, Bengaluru. East to West: 12.6 feet & North to South: 23 feet. East by : Property belongs to Sri. Muniswamappa West by : 5 X 25 feet Common Passage, North by : Road South by : Property belongs to Sri. Fairoz Ahmed
			2nd Schedule : No. 9/2-2, 16th Cross, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No. 44 of jagajeevan Ramanagar, PID No. 44-11-9/2-2, Bangalore. East to West: 12.6 feet & North to South: 51.6 feet. East by : Property belongs to Sri. Muniswamappa. West by : 5 feet Common Passage thereafter property No. 09 belongs to Sri. Basha Khan, North by : Property No.09 belongs to Sri. Mohammed Shariff, South by : Private property
9.	Sri. Thammaiah	Demand Notice Dated : 29.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 3,92,768/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.14/1, Old No. 14, 1st Main C Street, Kuvempunagar, PID No. 42-72-14/1, BMP Ward No. 42, Bengaluru. East to West: 25 Feet &North to South: 40 feet East by : 5 Feet Passage, West by : Property of Abdul Hameed, North by : Road, South by : South Portion of Property bearing No. 14 of Mohammed Wazeer
10.	Sri. Shivashankar. C	Demand Notice Dated : 25.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 7,43,256/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No.8/2, Old No. 30/8, 1st C Main Road, Guraguntepalya, BBMP Ward No. 11 of Peenya Industrial Area, PID No. 11-4-8/2, Bengaluru. East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 15 Feet. Totally 375 Sq feet. East by : Lingamaraiah's property, West by : Rajanna's Property North by : Road, South by : Lingamaraiah's Property
11.	Sri. Mohammed Mustafa	Demand Notice Dated : 26.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 20,90,672/- as on : 17.01.2022	No. 40/1-1, 13th Cross, Padarayanapura, PID No. 44-7- 40/1-1, Jagajeevanramanagar, BMP Ward No. 44, Bangalore. East to West: 60 feet & North to South : 12 feet. East by : Remaining portion of Eastern Side property No. 40/1, West by : Road, North by : 80X6 feet Common passage thereafter property No. 40, South by : Others property.
12.	Smt. Jayalakshmi. K	Demand Notice Dated : 28.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 22,44,589/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.1/153, 8th D Cross Road, Flower Garden, BBMP Ward No. 29 of Cottonpet, PID No. 29-123-1/153, Bengaluru. East to West: 16 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : Property of Chinnakanu, West by : Property No. 144 & 143 North by : Property No. 147, South by : 19 feet Road.
13.	Sri. Mohammed Hameed	Demand Notice Dated : 26.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 64,04,855/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 11, Old No. 52, Old Municipal No.46, 9th Cross, Kanthina Krishnappa Galli, Cotton Pet, Gandhinagar, BBMP Ward No. 27 & New Ward No. 94 of Gandhinagar, PID No. 27-51-11 , Bengaluru. East to West : 27 feet & North to South : 17.6 feet. Adjacent Portion East to West : 17 feet, North to south : 7 feet. East by : Government Galli, West by : Property belongs to Channalingappa' s, North by : Property belongs to Venkataramanappa' s, South by : Property belongs to Neelarangappa' s Property
14.	Sri. Sriram. M (Deceased) Legal Representatives 1) Kanchana (Wife), 2) Kutti (Son), 3) Somanna (Son), 4) Jayanthi (Daughter) & 5) Tilakavathi (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 21.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 13,28,024/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.20/2, 2nd Cross, Robertson Block, BBMP Ward No. 25, Ramachandrapuram, PID No. 25-2-20/2, Ramachandrapura Sy. No. 65, Bengaluru. East to West : 13 feet & North to South : 60 feet. East by : Same No. belongs to 4th Party M. Ganeshan Eastern portion West by : Same No. property belongs to 2nd Party S. Subramany West portion North by : Conservancy Galli South by : Cross Road.
15.	Sri. Lingaiah K (Deceased) Legal Representatives 1) Bharathi. L (Daughter) & Shashikala. L (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 26.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 20,31,854/- as on : 17.01.2022	Old No. 12, (East portion) New No. 25/23, 21st Cross Road, Mariyappana Palya, Kempapura Agrahara, Bengaluru City Corporation Division No. 22, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 32 of Kempapura Agrahara, PID No. 32-29-25/23, Bengaluru. East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : Others property, West by : House belongs to Sri. Narayanappa North by : Site No. 01, South by : Road.
VIJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
16.	Sri. Madappa H	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 8,01,269/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.9/1, Old No. 8, 13th D Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, PID No. 21-68-9/1, Industrial Town, BMP Ward No. 21, Bengaluru. East to West: 22.6 feet & North to South: 14 feet. East by : Road, West by : Remaining property of Doddaiah 22.6 X 17 feet Western portion property, North by : Doddaiah's property 22.6 X 3 feet & Passage after Muthappa's house, South by : Gangaiah's House.
17.	Smt. Narasamma	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 17,75,241/- as on : 17.01.2022	House property bearing no. 22/1-1, 2nd B Cross, Hosahalli PID No. 34-21-22/1-1, BMP Ward No. 34, Bengaluru. East to West: 12 feet &North to South: 25 feet, East by : B Schedule Property, West by : Others property North by : Conservancy, South by : Road.
JAYANAGAR BRANCH			
18.	Sri. Govinda (Deceased) Legal Representatives :- 1) Saraswathi (Wife), 2) Ashwath (Son) 3) Ashwini (Daughter), 4) Soumya Shree (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 08.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 31,73,481/- as on : 17.01.2022	New No. 07, Old No. 121/1A, Khaneshumari No. 149 & 150, House list No. 121 and 122 , 7th A Cross, 19th Main Road, Marenahalli Palya, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, BBMP ward No. 57 of J.P. Nagar, PID No. 57-337-7, Bengaluru -17. East to West: 51 feet & North to South : 10 feet. East by : 4 feet passage left by the parties for Common Usages & Road, West by : Property belonging to Smt. Hanumakka, North by : 4 feet passage & then property allotted to Nagesh-2nd party, South by : Property belongs to Sri. Venkatesh.
19.	Smt. Kempajamma	Demand Notice Dated : 26.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 8,48,741/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 858, 11th Cross Road, 1st Phase , J.P. Nagar, PID No. 57-42-858, BMP Ward No. 57, Bengaluru. East to West : 6.09 Mtrs & North to South : 7.62 mtrs. East by : Site No. 859, West by : Site No. 857, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 879
CHAMARAJAPET (WEST) BRANCH			
20.	Sri. Channegowda	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 31,37,490/- as on : 17.01.2022	New No. 08, Old No. 31/11, 4th Main Road, Dhobinanjappa Block, Sy. No. 01 of Amanikere Village, Kempegowda Nagar, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 49 of K.G. Nagar, New Ward No. 142 of Sunkenahalli, PID No. 49-29-8, Bengaluru. East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Siddaiah, North by : Property belongs to Gangaiah South by : Property belongs to Thimmaiah @ Kalaiah.
21.	Smt. Muniyamma	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 7,67,119/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 36/4-2A, Old No. 19, 15th Cross Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, K.P. Agrahara, BBMP Ward No. 32 & New Ward No. 122 of Kempapura Agrahara, PID No. 32-22-36/4-2A, Bengaluru. East to West : 41 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Site no. 18 South by : Southern portion C. Kuppan Side No. 19.
22.	Sri. Khader Ali Khan	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 7,24,065/- as on : 17.01.2022	Old No.2, New No.05, Pipeline Road, West Padarayanapura, Guddadahalli, K.P. Agrahara Dhakale, BMP Ward No. 43, Bengaluru. East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 50 feet. East by : Others Property, West by : Others Property North by : Others Property, South by : Pipeline Road
23.	Sri. Ajaz Pasha	Demand Notice Dated : 23.08.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 13,14,093/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.35, Old No.12, 12th Cross, New Padarayanapura, New Guddadahlli Kempapura Aghrahara Dhakle PID No. 43-135-35, BMP Ward No.43, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru. East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 30 feet East by : Others property, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Others property
24.	Smt. Latha Basavaraju	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 10,09,312/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.24, House Lest No. 12 Old No. 13/268/3/12, 3rd Cross, Balaji Layout, BBMP Ward No. 55 of Padmanabahnagar, PID No. 55-226-24, Bengaluru. East to West : $\frac{28+15}{2}$ feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : Private property, West by : Site No. 13 belongs to L.B. Chandran North by : House List No. 11, South by : 25 feet Road.
25.	Sri. Mumtaz Ahmed	Demand Notice Dated : 02.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 6,50,881/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.06, Gooripalya New Layout, BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevan Ram Nagar, PID No. 44-35-6, Bengaluru. East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 30 feet East by : Property No. 07, West by : Property No. 05, North by : Road, South by : Corporation property
SANJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
26.	Smt. Kannamma	Demand Notice Dated : 23.07.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 36,87,518/- as on : 17.01.2022	Municipal Corporation No. 34, Old Site No. 08 & 13 Present situated at 2nd Cross Muniveerappa Block, Palce Guttahalli, Ward No. 99 of Aramane Nagar, PID No. 99-112-34, Bengaluru. East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 27 feet East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Private property, South by : Dhobi Arumugam's Property
27.	Smt. Parvathi. M @ Parvathidevi.	Demand Notice Dated : 26.07.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 16,18,811/- as on : 17.01.2022	1st Schedule : No. Khatha No. 66, Old House No. 106, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, A.K. Colony Doddanekundi Village, K.R. puram, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 85 of Doddanekundi Bengaluru. East to West : 33.9 feet & North to South : 16.3 feet. East by : Passage & Private property, West by : Road North by : Narasamma's Property & Remaining portion of Same property South by : Road.
			2nd Schedule : No. Khatha No. 66, Old House No. 106, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, A.K. Colony Doddanekundi Village, K.R. puram, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 85 of Doddanekundi Bengaluru. East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 21 feet. East by : Passage & private property, West by : Narasimha's property, North by : Narayanaswamy's property, South by : Remaining portion of same property
28.	Smt. Manjula. R	Demand Notice Dated : 04.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 49,12,843/- as on : 17.01.2022	New Municipal No. 15, 3rd Cross Gangamma layout, Guddadahalli Grama Khatha No. 10/1, Hebbal Zone kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 96 of Hebbal, PID No. 96-38-15, Bengaluru. East to West: 44 feet & North to South : 14 feet. East by : Appajappa Site, West by : 20 feet Road, North by : Others property, South by : Ramakka's property
29.	Sri. Balaji Mahadev Divakar & Sri. Suresh Mahadev Divakar.	Demand Notice Dated : 04.11.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 12,56,927/- as on : 17.01.2022	No. 12, Old No.06, C No. 02, Street, BBMP Ward No. 79 of Shivajinagar, PID No. 79-5-12, Bengaluru. East to West: 34 feet & North to South : 18 feet East by : Premises No. 05, New No. 13, West by : Premises belonging to Lubbay Masjaid, North by : Premises belonging to Chinnappa, South by : G.C. No. 02 Street.
KORAMANGALA BRANCH			
30.	Sri. Nanja Reddy. A.L (Deceased) Legal Representatives :- 1) Radhamma (Wife), 2) Srinivasa Reddy. A.N (Son) 3) Nagaveni & 4) Komala (Daughters)	Demand Notice Dated : 02.08.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 51,98,044/- as on : 17.01.2022	Site No. 45, Khatha No. 22/45, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru. East to West : 18.29 Mtrs & North to South : 12.19 Mtrs. East by : Road , West by : Site No. 79 & 80 North by : Site No. 44, South by : Site No. 46.
AVALAHALLI BRANCH			
31.	Sri. Govindaraju .V	Demand Notice Dated : 23.09.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 2,59,07,630/- as on : 17.01.2022	No. 148, Khatha No. 205/148/245/201, V.P. Khatha No. 124, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No. 160 of R.R. Nagar, Bangalore. East to West: 40 feet & North to South: 60 feet East by : Property No. 149, West by : Property No. 147, North by : 30 feet Road, South by : Property No. 155,
R.T. NAGAR BRANCH			
32.	Smt. Arshiya Tabassum	Demand Notice Dated : 15.02.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 41,02,301/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.42, 3rd Cross, Sunraise Colony, BBMP Ward No. 96 of Hebbal, PID No. 96-238-42, Bengaluru. East to West: 30 feet & North to South: 40 feet East by : Old Site No. 03, West by : Western portion of Site No. 42 (Old Site No. 02) North by : 20 feet Road, South by : Private property
H.R.B.R LAYOUT BRANCH			
33.	Smt. Khairunnissa	Demand Notice Dated : 04.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 17.01.2022 Balance outstanding : Rs. 15,54,783/- as on : 17.01.2022	No.09, (Southern portion of House Old Khatha No. 1651/1596), 1st 'A' Cross Karumariyamma Nagar, Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 95, of Kaval Byrasandra, New Ward No. 31 of Kushal nagar With PID No,. 95-530-9, Bengaluru. East to West: 40 feet & North to South: 21 feet East by : Road, West by : Muninarasappa's property North by : Remaining portion of the same property, South by : Private property

Date : 20.01.2022
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

CSA initiates inquiry on Boucher for 'gross misconduct'

Cricket South Africa has appointed Terry Motau as chairperson of the disciplinary hearing into allegations of misconduct against men's coach, Mark Boucher following the findings of the SJN hearings report. He is being charged with gross misconduct, which could potentially lead to his dismissal,

Lack of foresight to claim Ranji Trophy for second successive year

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

FOR the second time in as many years, India's domestic season is unlikely to have its premier domestic tournament, the Ranji Trophy. The Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) office-bearers had a meeting on Tuesday and, according to reliable sources, it has been decided that should the Covid situation improve, other domestic events including Cooch Behar, CK Nayudu and the senior women's T20 will be held, but due to the short window, hosting Ranji Trophy will not be possible.

As things stand, the BCCI has not communicated anything officially to the state units. It is believed the BCCI have sought time but state associations have all but given up hope.

While the Ranji Trophy was scheduled to begin on January 13, the onset of the third Covid wave meant the BCCI was forced to suspend the domestic season on January 4.

Although the BCCI had stated that it had only postponed the start by 15 days, there has been little development since then and the Covid cases has only been increasing in most cities across the country.

As per BCCI's original schedule, it needs around 75 days to host it. When the tournament was suspended, the BCCI initially thought of splitting the Ranji Trophy into two halves, sandwiched between the IPL. Under this method, the group stages was scheduled to be played in February-March, with the knockout stages in June-July or September-October. However, the onset of the southwest monsoon in June would make it impossible to host the matches in June-July.

So, for the BCCI to host the Ranji Trophy in two halves, the tournament has to begin at least by February 20, because the next edition of the IPL is scheduled to start on April 2 as they need at least 35 days to hold the five group stage matches. With the players supposed to enter IPL bio-bubble by March 20, unless the tournament begins by February first week, it will make it impossible for the BCCI to host it.

As a result, the BCCI is being left with no choice but to scrap the Ranji Trophy again. If it is not able to host the tournament this season, questions will be raised about their decision to host white-ball events — Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s and Vijay Hazare Trophy — ahead of the Ranji Trophy.

While the initial plan was to start the current domestic season with the Ranji Trophy, the BCCI changed the plans keeping the IPL auctions in mind. In fact, state associations and players have been fearing the worst since the rejig as it clearly sent signal of the BCCI prioritising white-ball meets over Ranji Trophy. Cancelling the Ranji Trophy means several domestic players, umpires and match officials will suffer financial hits.

World over, the BCCI is the only cricket board not to conduct red-ball cricket the previous season. While none of the other mainstream cricket nations have as many as 38 teams, given the BCCI's resources it is not an impossible task.

Although playing the entire tournament under a bio-secure environment will definitely shoot up the expenses, it should never be an issue for the board which continues to make huge profits through the IPL.

Plan B for IPL

Meanwhile, it is understood that the BCCI will decide on the IPL host country before the player auction takes place on February 12. At the moment, it is a toss up between Sri Lanka and South Africa. Supposed the Indian cricket board moves the event to South Africa, franchises believe it won't make much of a difference as they will be forced to use airports to juggle between cities. If they choose to host in Sri Lanka, the franchises can avoid it as Colombo has three stadiums which can be put to use.

After the Test series, India could lose the ODI leg against South Africa if they don't make a comeback on Friday. A look at the key issues for the tourists..

SERIES ON THE LINE

Where is the middle order?

With India possessing a experienced top-order, the middle-order batters need to get their game together in the second ODI. There is no dearth of talent, but Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer need to shoulder responsibility, especially the latter, with Suryakumar Yadav waiting in sidelines.

Thakur making strong claim

Slowly, but surely, Shardul Thakur is making a strong case as a genuine all-rounder. Though Venkatesh Iyer, who didn't bowl in the 1st ODI, is new, playing Thakur in that role would give them a chance to have an extra batter or bowler. If he can deliver with the bat, the think tank will be strongly tempted to alter his role.

Spinners need to shine

The Indian spin duo, Yuzvendra Chahal and R Ashwin, didn't have an impressive outing in the first game. After the power play, they need to stifle the opposition for runs in the middle overs, and thereby take wickets. With the team preparing for the 2023 WC, every performance of theirs will be under the scanner.

SA's new brigade on a high

South Africa might not possess heavily experienced players, but it is their relatively inexperienced men, who have delivered to help them win the Test series and now are on the cusp of the same in ODIs. Rassie van der Dussen and Temba Bavuma have shone so far while Marco Jansen is proving to be a top notch bowler. These are great signs for a team, who weren't the favourites when India landed in South Africa.

Rishabh Pant in action during 1st ODI | AFP

MEDVEDEV IN GOOD NICK

US Open champion digs deep to beat crowd favourite before expressing his displeasure on the ones present inside Rod Laver Arena

AFP @Melbourne

A composed Daniil Medvedev took all that mercurial Australian Nick Kyrgios and the home crowd could throw at him to march into the third round at the Australian Open on Thursday.

The Russian world No 2 and title favourite served out a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 win over the 115th-ranked Kyrgios in 2hr 58min. It was a madhouse inside Rod Laver Arena with the unpredictable Kyrgios dealing out all his assortment of unplayable serves and tweeners before a partisan home crowd, while embroiled in a running battle with the chair umpire.

But a calculating Medvedev dealt with it all to ease through and will now face Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp in the third round.

"It's a tough matchup against Nick. I know he can serve big and that's already really tough," Medvedev, the reigning US Open champion, said.

"I felt like I was returning really well and yet to break him it was really tough.

"But these kind of matches, first, second, third round of a Slam, it's like a big challenge where if you make it, you feel like, okay, if I can continue playing like this, I can go far."

Medvedev, who lost last year's final in Melbourne to Novak Djokovic, was less impressed with some of the antics of the vociferous crowd.

"I came to win this match and I am happy that I was able to do," he said on court.

"... when you get booed between first and second serves, it's not easy, I just had to stay calm."

Injured Raducanu out

Reigning US Open champion Emma Raducanu crashed as she struggled with blisters on her serving hand. The 19-year-old, making her debut at Melbourne Park, looked on track when she raced to a 3-0 lead in the opening set against Montenegro's Danka Kovinic.

But the 17th seed then lost five games in a row and needed a medical timeout for treatment on her right hand.

Despite battling back she couldn't stop Kovinic winning 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 on Margaret Court Arena. The result put Kovinic, the world No 98, into the third round of a major for the first time.

"I really enjoyed it out there. It was a nice experience to play Emma and make it to the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time," she said.

"Emma is a such a talent and just glad I showed I can play at her level."

Daniil Medvedev trumped Nick Kyrgios in a intest contest that lasted close to three hours and progressed to the third round of Australian Open on Thursday | AP

SELECT THURSDAY'S RESULTS (singles, Rd 2)

- **Men** Daniil Medvedev bt Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, Stefanos Tsitsipas bt Sebastian Boez 7-6 (1), 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4, Taro Daniel bt Andy Murray 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
- **Women** Alize Cornet bt Garbine Muguruza 6-3, 6-3, Aryna Sabalenka bt Wang Xinyu 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, Danka Kovinic bt Emma Raducanu 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES (Rd 1)

Sania Mirza/ Rajeev Ram bt Aleksandra Krunic/ Nikola Cacic 6-3, 7-6 (3)

SELECT FRIDAY'S MATCHES (singles, Rd 3)

- **Men** Carlos Alcaraz vs Matteo Berrettini, Karen Khachanov vs Rafa Nadal, Reilly Opelka vs Denis Shapavalov
- **Women** Ash Barty vs Camila Giorgi, Amanda Anisimova vs Naomi Osaka, Victoria Azarenka vs Elina Svitolina.

EXPRESS READ

Sindhu, Prannoy enter Syed Modi quarterfinals

LUCKNOW: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu hardly broke any sweat but HS Prannoy had to toil hard as the two Indian shuttlers progressed to the women's and men's singles quarterfinals of the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament on Thursday. Sindhu, a former world champion, will take on sixth-seeded Thai shuttler Supanida Katethong in the last-eight stage.

Deepika, Atanu dropped from TOPS programme

NEW DELHI: Star archers Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das were on Thursday dropped from the Sports Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) due to their below-par performances in the national ranking tournament. The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) last month decided to review support for the couple after their poor show in the National Ranking Archery Tournament.

PKL: Bengal Warriors beat Bengaluru Bulls

BENGALURU: Defending champions Bengal Warriors beat Bengaluru Bulls 40-39 in the PKL match in Bengaluru on Thursday. The Bulls dominated most parts of the match with captain Pawan Sehrawat scoring a Super 10 but an 8-point raid by Bengal, thanks to defenders following the raider into the lobby without a touch, helped the Warriors shift the balance of play and eventually clinch the match.

U-19 WC: COVID-RIDDEN INDIA THUMPS IRELAND

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AFTER losing six of the 17 players in the squad to Covid scare in the camp, Indian Colts went on to beat Ireland by a massive 174-run margin in their group stage game at Trinidad and Tobago on Wednesday.

Fielding all the available players, Indian openers, Angkrish Raghuvanshi (79) and Harnoor Singh (88) provided them with a much-needed start, adding 164 runs for the first wicket. Despite a lull in the middle overs after losing both openers, Rajvardhan Hangargekar went berserk, smashing 39 runs from 17 balls, to take India to 307 for five. Ireland were in for a shock as they lost their top three early. From17 for three, Joshua Cox and Tim Tector tried to revive the innings. But, Garv Sangwan broke the stand, sending both the batters back to the pavilion. Spinners tightened the screws from thereon and Ireland were bundled out for 133 in 39 overs.

Brief scores: India 307/5 in 50 ovs (Harnoor 88) beat Ireland 133 in 39 ovs .

Chirag and Arjun set hot pace

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CHIRAG Ghorpade, the schoolboy from Bengaluru and Coimbatore veteran Arjun Balu lit up the free practice sessions with some serious pace to kick-start the third round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2021 at the MMRT, here on Thursday.

Chirag who heads the championship table topped the two practice sessions in the premier MRF F1600 category, with a best lap of one minute and 39.950 seconds, while his closest rival teenager Shahan Ali Mohsin from Agra posted the second best of 01:40.018 as the talented duo seemed to be heading for a close battle for honours in the triple-header to be run over the next two days. On the other hand, veteran Arjun Balu piloting the Race Concepts-prepared Honda VTec was in a league of his own in the Indian Touring Cars category. He was about a couple of seconds quicker than his nearest rivals, the Rayo Racing pair from Hyderabad, Jeet Jhabakh and Ishaan Dodhiwala, both driving the Volkswagen Polo. Balu's best laps in the two practice sessions were 01:51.211 and 01:50.768 in FP2.

Earlier, two teenagers from Bengaluru, Tijil Rao (Momentum Motorsport) and Ruhaan Alva (MSport) topped the two practice sessions in the Formula LGB 1300 category. Tijil was the fastest on the day, clocking a best lap of 01:51.242 in FP1, but was only third quickest in the next session. Ruhaan topped FP2 with a lap of 01:51.511, an improvement of over two seconds on his FP1 best of 01:53.700. In the 22-car Volkswagen Polo category, Sandeep Kumar set the fastest time of 01:55.657 over two sessions as he seeks to consolidate his position at the top of the leaderboard. Haryana's Justin Singh put in the quickest lap of the day in the MRF Saloon Cars (Toyota Etios) with a 02:03.391. The qualifying sessions for all categories followed by six races will be run on Friday.

MUSCAT EVENT AUDITION FOR BIGGER CHALLENGE

The women's Asia Cup starts in Oman from Friday as India take on Malaysia in their opening game. A look at what's at stake for the Indian team...

World Cup qualifier

The meet doubles up as a World Cup qualifier. As long as India do reach the semifinals — they are the prohibitive favourites to win the event so they will have to underperform very badly to not make the last four — they will qualify for the World Cup in Spain.

Janneke's first big test

The team that shined so thrillingly at the Olympics has lost a bit of momentum. Covid issues meant they had to withdraw from the women's Asian Champions Trophy. So, for all practical purposes, this is Janneke Schopman's (new coach) first big challenge.

Without Rampal

Regular skipper Rani Rampal is the taliswoman. She drives everything, takes charge and lifts the level of players around her. With her not around, how will the team react? Custodian Savita, who will skipper the side in Rani's absence, is vastly experienced, but can she act as the same sort of leader and marshall the team?

The best part about this team is that, many of us have been playing together for a long time and I feel this experience and team camaraderie will give us the edge over other teams. Our main priority will be to remain focused on our game and ensure we execute the plans against each team without making errors.

Savita, India captain

INDIA SQUAD

Savita, Rajani Etimarpu, Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Jyoti, Monika, Navjot Kaur, Neha, Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu, Lalremsiami, Mariana Kujur, Navneet Kaur, Sharmila Devi, Vandana Katariya.

INDIA'S SCHEDULE

Friday: vs Malaysia (9.30 PM)
Sunday: vs Japan (8.30 PM)
Monday: vs Singapore (8.30 PM)
Wednesday: Semifinals
Friday: Final

AFC ASIAN CUP

Hosts India held by Iran in frustrating opening clash

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INDIA'S coach Thomas Dennerby had consistently maintained that India's target at the AFC Women's Asian Cup was to qualify for the knockout stages.

With India playing a tournament of this magnitude after a long time, there was a massive build-up to how it could help women's football in India going forward. Dennerby's confidence that India will qualify from the group added to the expectations.

In this context, their opening Group A game against Iran on Thursday at the DY Patil Stadium had a must-win feel to it, especially considering that ties against higher-ranked Chines Taipei and China were to follow.

However, what followed was a goalless affair which India dominated for the most part but failed to take their chances. Having dominated the game, coming away with just a point feels like a missed opportunity, especially with tougher tests awaiting and a road to the quarterfinal becoming trickier.

The Swedish coach had suggested in the lead up to the game that Iran were expected to take a defensive approach but Maryam Irandoost's team sprang a surprise by coming off the blocks on the front foot. As the game wore on, they eventually resorted to what Dennerby had predicted, to shut out a dominant Indian side.

India escaped a scare when Iran nearly scored but the crossbar denied them in the 12th minute. The hosts were unable to hold onto possession for sustained periods of time as Iran kept the pressure on. Negin Zandi nearly gave Iran a lead when but ended up shooting wide as India were second best.

India's opening game of Asian Cup against Iran ended in draw on Thursday | AIFF

After weathering the storm, India started growing in influence and enjoyed the bulk of possession. All the preparations, exposure tours and friendlies against top teams like Brazil seemed to be coming together here.

However, what was lacking was a cutting edge as Manisha and Indumathi Kathiresan came close in quick succession. Manisha had a chance when the Iran goalkeeper Zohreh Koudaei tried coming for a ball only to miss, which allowed the Indian attacker a chance to shoot at goal. However, the Iran backline managed to crowd her out. Minutes later, Indumathi blazed over from close range when she was through on goal.

The second half followed a similar pattern as India kept creating chances but the Iran defence seemed impenetrable. India had done everything but find the net as they had to settle for a point.

Earlier in the day, China thrashed Chinese Taipei 4-0 to go top of Group A.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Thursday that New Zealand would not impose the lockdowns that it has used previously, including for the delta variant. NZ has so far avoided any outbreaks of the omicron variant

Scientists in Scotland have developed an artificial intelligence (AI) based test to accurately diagnose Covid-19 in just a few minutes. The technique utilises X-ray technology

Calls grow to normalise Covid

Spanish govt spearheads European push to start tackling infection like an endemic

COVID

MADRID: When the coronavirus pandemic was first declared, Spaniards were ordered to stay home for more than three months. For weeks, they were not allowed outside even for exercise. Children were banned from playgrounds, and the economy virtually stopped.

Now, almost two years later, Spain is preparing to adopt a different Covid-19 playbook.

With one of Europe's highest vaccination rates and its most pandemic-battered economies, the government is laying the groundwork to treat the next infection surge not as an emergency but an illness that is here to stay. Similar steps are under consideration in neighboring Portugal and in Britain.

With governments and populations worldwide desperate for an end to the pandemic, discussion about when the virus might be reclassified has intensified.

"Spain wants to lead this debate because it is timely and necessary to do so," Health Minister Carolina Darias has said, adding that Spain asked the European Centre for Disease Prevention (ECDC) to "study new strategies" to deal with Covid. The idea is to move from crisis mode to control mode, approaching the virus in much the same way countries deal with flu or measles. That means accepting that infections will occur and providing extra care for at-risk people and those with complications.

Spain's center-left prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, wants the European Union to consider similar changes now that the surge of the omicron variant has shown that the disease is becoming less lethal.

"What we are saying is that in the next few months and years, we are going to have to think, without hesitancy and according to what science tells us, how to manage the pandemic with different parameters," he said on Monday.

The World Health Organization has said that it's too early to consider any immediate shift. The organisation does not have clearly defined criteria for declaring Covid-19 an endemic disease, but its experts have previously said that it will happen when the virus is more predictable.

"It's somewhat a subjective judgment because it's not just about the number of cases. It's about severity, and it's about impact," said Dr Michael Ryan, the WHO's emergencies chief.

Strict measures blamed for fuel crisis in Uganda

COVID

KAMPALA: A dispute over Covid-19 testing fees for truckers has created a fuel crisis in Uganda, highlighting an economic impact of the pandemic in a country with virtually no fuel reserves of its own.

Mandatory Covid-19 testing at the country's border with Kenya caused traffic congestion last week as Ugandan customs officials struggled to apply the rules amid opposition from truckers who demanded exemption if they carried proof of a negative test result from Kenya. With little movement at the border, many fuel stations across Uganda ran empty. Motorists lined up at the few still operating, creating anger when prices eventually rose sharply.

Long-distance truckers have long demanded exemption from the Ugandan government's strict measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

INTRIGUING DISCOVERY
C12 and C13
Carbon 12 and carbon 13 are two stable isotopes of carbon
1 According to NASA, living creatures use the smaller, lighter carbon 12 atom to metabolise food or for photosynthesis than the heavier carbon 13 atom
2 Therefore, considerably more carbon 12 than carbon 13 in Martian samples, along with other evidence, suggests it could be the result of a biological process
3 Curiosity researchers found that nearly half of the samples taken from Mars had surprisingly large amounts of carbon 12 compared to what scientists have measured in the Martian atmosphere
4 These samples came from five distinct locations in the Gale crater. Soon, the rover will return to these sites to collect more
A drill hole made by Curiosity Rover on Gale crater
GALE CRATER
NASA's Curiosity Rover first reached Gale Crater in 2012
NON-BIOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS
Scientists have also put forth possible non-biological explanations for the discovery. One is that the carbon signature found could be the result of an interaction of ultraviolet light and carbon dioxide gas present in the Martian atmosphere
They also speculate that the carbon could have been left behind from a "rare event" hundreds of millions of years ago when the solar system passed through a giant molecular cloud, rich in the type of carbon found
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Curiosity finds possible signs of alien life on Mars
An analysis of sediments collected by NASA's Curiosity Rover from Mars' Gale crater shows the presence of carbon in some of them, possibly signaling that alien life once existed on the red planet
SCIENTISTS CAUTIOUS
While the finding is intriguing, scientists say it doesn't necessarily point to life on Mars. They are looking for more conclusive evidence such as sedimentary rock formations produced by bacteria, or a diversity of organic molecules
WORK OF BACTERIA?
In a report on their findings, which appeared in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal, NASA's Curiosity scientists offer a biological hypothesis
They say ancient bacteria thriving on the Martian surface would have produced a unique carbon signature as they released methane into the atmosphere where ultraviolet light would have it converted into larger, more complex molecules
These new molecules would have rained down to the surface and now could be preserved with their distinct carbon signature in Martian rocks
On Earth, processes that would produce the carbon signal we're detecting on Mars are biological. We have to understand whether the same explanation works for Mars, or if there are other explanations, because Mars is very different
— Christopher House, a Curiosity scientist

FACT OF THE MATTER

Insta to let users charge

TECH

Instagram will let some content creators in the United States charge subscriptions to fans, allowing popular users to dabble with a way to make steady money as the platform competes for online stars. Social media users whose posts draw large audiences help platforms from Twitch and YouTube to TikTok and Instagram generate revenue, so social networks vie to be their preferred stages. "Subscriptions are for creators," Instagram chief Adam Mosseri said in a video posted on Twitter. "Creators do what they do to make a living and it's important that is predictable." A small number of Instagram content creators in the US will take part in a subscription test launching this week, Mosseri said.

France to cull 1 mn birds

HEALTH

The French government said Thursday that it would cull more than one million birds in the coming weeks to fight a surging outbreak of avian flu on poultry farms. All ducks, chickens and turkeys must be culled in some 226 municipalities in France's southwestern Landes, Gers and Pyrenees Atlantiques departments, totalling up to 1.3 million birds. "It will take us about three weeks to clear the whole area," the agriculture ministry said. By wiping out the populations where the virus is spreading, officials hope to shorten the outbreak and prevent it from reaching other regions. Over one million birds have already been killed in attempts to smother the avian flu outbreak.

Can sound cannon clear the smog?

TECH

In a battle against Poland's constant smog, scientists are testing out a new "cannon" that uses soundwaves to push toxic particles higher into the atmosphere to allow residents to breathe. Installed on top of a metal container, the experimental device consists of a large upside-down cone that makes a loud sound every six seconds. The aim is to chase the smog from Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, which like many Polish towns and cities faces the problem every winter when residents fire up highly polluting heating systems.

PIG-TO-HUMAN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SUCCESSFUL

HEALTH

NEW YORK: A US medical team on Thursday announced it had carried out the second-known kidney transplant from a pig to a human, the first inside the body of a brain dead recipient.

The procedure, which was described in a scientific paper, comes on the heels of the successful implantation of a porcine heart into a person earlier this month. It is hoped that advances in the field of so-called xenotransplantation, or cross-species organ donation, could one day solve the chronic shortage of organ donations.

"Today's results are a remarkable achievement for humanity and advance xenotransplant into the clinical realm," said Selwyn Vickers, dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Heersink School of Medicine, which carried out the procedure.

Superbugs killed 1.2 mn in 2019: Study

HEALTH

PARIS: Superbug infections killed 1.2 million people in 2019, according to a study published on Thursday, which authors described as the most comprehensive assessment of the impact of antimicrobial resistance to date.

The death toll means infections by bacteria resistant to antibiotics are directly responsible for more deaths than HIV/AIDS or malaria.

The report, published in the Lancet, also found antimicrobial resistance played a role in up to 3.68 million other deaths.

"These new data reveal the true scale of antimicrobial resistance worldwide, and are a clear signal that we must act now to combat the threat," said study co-author Chris Murray of the University of Washington. While previous estimates said superbugs could kill 10 million people per year by 2050, this study shows that milestone could be reached much sooner, he added.

"We need to leverage this data to course-correct action and drive innovation if we want to stay ahead in the race against antimicrobial resistance."

The estimates for 204 countries and territories were based on data from a wide range of sources including public health systems, pharmaceutical surveillance networks, previous studies and more.

Methodological assumptions had to be made for parts of the world where data was lacking, especially low- and middle-income countries, the authors acknowledged. They urged more investment in laboratory and research facilities in those areas.

Scare in Louisiana

A hospital in New Orleans in the US state of Louisiana says it has identified two patients infected with a rare, drug-resistant fungus — the first time it's been found in Louisiana.

Candida auris has already been found in Washington, DC, and at least 20 other states including Georgia, Florida and Texas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

China sat's near miss with Russian debris

SPACE

BEIJING: A Chinese satellite had a near collision with one of the many chunks of debris left by the fallout of a recent Russian anti-satellite missile test, state media reported.

Moscow blew up one of its old satellites in November in a missile test that sparked international anger because of the space debris it scattered around the Earth's orbit.

US officials accused Moscow of carrying out a "dangerous and irresponsible" strike that had created a cloud of debris and forced the International Space Station's crew to take evasive action.

Russia dismissed those concerns and denied that the space debris posed any danger but a new incident with a Chinese satellite suggests otherwise.

SPACE-BOUND

Russia's sole female cosmonaut set for mission

SPACE

MOSCOW: Russia's sole active female cosmonaut, Anna Kikina, is due to travel to the International Space Station in September on a Soyuz rocket, the national space agency said Thursday.

Kikina, a 37-year-old engineer, will be only the fifth professional woman cosmonaut from Russia or the Soviet Union to fly to space.

Last year, the Russian space agency Roscosmos said "our beauty" Kikina would fly aboard SpaceX's Crew Dragon as part of a cross-flights deal between Roscosmos and NASA.

On Thursday, Roscosmos said that if the two countries finalise the deal, Kikina will fly to space with the Americans in August, while NASA's Francisco Rubio will travel on a Soyuz.

But if the deal does not work out, she will travel to the ISS on a Soyuz rocket in September.

The last Russian woman to fly to space was Elena Serova, who spent 167 days aboard the ISS from September, 2014 to March, 2015.

Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space when she travelled into orbit on June 16, 1963.

Svetlana Savitskaya was the

second woman in space, and the first woman to perform a spacewalk in July, 1984.

In October, Russia also sent to space an actress, Yulia Peresild, who spent 12 days on the ISS shooting scenes for a movie. By comparison, more than 50 American women have travelled to space.

Roscosmos also said Thursday that three Russian cosmonauts — Oleg Artemyev, Denis Matveyev and Sergei Korsakov — will fly to the ISS in March.

"For the first time in the history of the ISS, the Soyuz crew will include three Russian professional cosmonauts," the space agency said.

A Roscosmos official said this was because a contract with NASA on joint flights was nearing its end.

"Talks are currently underway to extend the contract," the representative told AFP.

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